

BELOIT COLLEGE

BELOIT, WISCONSIN

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April 24th '07

Dear Mr Spear:-

I want to thank you most heartily for the book which you so thoughtfully sent me.

We shall prize the work highly both because you sent it and because it contains so much of value and helpfulness.

It will recall, vividly, many times, the exceedingly effective and telling series of talks you gave here this month. We all prized them, students and faculty alike. The main thing now is to live up to them.

The book will help us to do that I am sure - With best regards,

Mr. Robt. E. Spear,
Englewood,
N. J.

Sincerely yours,
W. L. Lacey

Cairns, S.

62, Hsmilton Place,

Aberdeen, November 4, 1910.

My dear Mr. Trumbull:

It is a pleasure to find myself in communication with you again. I wish I had had the privilege of seeing more of you at the conference, but the ~~crush~~ crush of that memorable ten days was so great that it swept us apart. Many thanks for your extremely kind letter. It kindles anew the wish to see the friends whose presence on our side of the waters made so much of the brightness of those days. We can never forget Mr. Speer's visits to us here, which the reading of the Duff lectures has been bringing home to me again. It brings back to me a whole throng of happy memories. Sit mea anima cum illo. I desire nothing better than to help in the work that you and he and Dr. Mott have in hand. I am entirely with you in your conflict with the devitalized, and, as I believe, incoherent type of Christianity, which seems to be prevalent among you, as it is with us. I do not think it has either the practical force, or the intellectual consistency to stand the test of time.

But I do not find myself at present able to contribute to the discussion to any good purpose, interesting and valuable as it unquestionably is, for I could not put my position into a paragraph without amazing misconceptions.

For instance I do not think we ought to surrender the word "Divinity" to the other side, which I think would be the inevitable tendency of our setting "Deity" up as a more adequate word.

I do not know if you will remember that when we were ^{the} talking over the matter in Edinburgh I indicated that I agreed with Dr Donney in thinking that the best way of raising the whole issue to-day was by expressing our faith in the absoluteness of the Lord's manifestation as contrasted with the relativism of the Hibbert Journal type of explanation of Him. This, I believe, is what you are really aiming at, if I may say so. You want to guarantee the faith which is fundamental to Christianity that in dealing with Jesus we are dealing with God.

But I confess to sharing in some measure with Dr. Garvie's hesitation about the way in which the issue is formulated in your question. If we assert "deity" as a better word than "Divinity" we seem to me in danger of denying what is one of the great words of an old Scottish leader's theology that Jesus Christ is our "Kinsman-Redeemer," in other words, of denying his true and full Humanity. I know that nothing is farther from the idea which you have before you than this. But I think that to many minds who might be won to a better view of what we have in Christ it will appear that this is so, and that they may be repelled. In short, I agree generally with Garvie's position in his paragraph. But I do not wish to write so apparently unsympathetically as he has had to do within the limits of his space. If you care for it I could send you later on a short paper on the Absoluteness of Christ, when the pressure of work is less, in which I think I could put my own thoughts in a way that would better sense what I think is the real aim you have in view; and which you could print or not exactly

as you chose. I am afraid this may seem to you a somewhat wire drawn objection, but I think in the long run we serve the common cause better when, with every recognition of our extensive fallibility we put out our ideas in our own way.

If I can lay hands on it I will send you a periodical which contains a paper in which may recall the days of the conference to you, and some of the thoughts it stirred in our minds.

My brother and sister-in-law whom you saw in Edinburgh are both well and I know, look back on your visit to them with the greatest pleasure.

We are doing our best on this side to follow up the conference. There is an enormous deal to do, and we are not able to do it. But God is!

May you have every success in your winter's work in your admirable paper. I wish our work in that line on this side had more of your enterprise and brains. Our Sunday-schools, I fear, need overhauling badly.

With kindest regards,

Very truly yours,

(Signed) David L. ~~Garvie~~.

S. Cairns

Cairn^(S) D.S.

We find 62, HAMILTON PLACE,

ABERDEEN.

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Dec. 28/10 JAN 13 1911

Mr. Speer.

My dear Dr. Speer,

It was a great pleasure
when you came, your letter
both interested me & cheered me
much, as did the extracts
you shed and your ^{other} views
in *Kenia*. Shedd's paper was
certainly one of the very best
we had. I was much impres-
-sed by its clearness & strength.

and trust his judgment of the
situation as regard I claim of
peculiar value. I need not
say how much I value, and have
always valued your approval
of the general line of the Report.
An association in it I ex-
-claim must be of the great
privileges of my life, &
the circumstances of our
first acquaintance will
always be hallowed by memories
most sacred & dear. We have
all been wonderfully well this
winter in Aberdeen. I have
been trying to put life together

again, and live aright into the
Divine purpose, & see things under
the aspect of Eternity. The
word I have found of most
use has been an Lord's our
"If ye love me, ye must rejoice
because I said 'I go to the
Father: for the Father is greater
than I.'" Here life has
way ^{already} the way substance
of Eternity. Faith, Hope & Love;
& I feel that I am only
beginning to learn its lessons.
I cannot but think that
Mr Call-wood was

meant to proving & make
the cause of his illness, I
mean that it was simply a
further phase of the same
problem, which God gave me to try
to solve.

My mother has not been very
well lately, but is now re-
-covering. She was much
pleased to hear of Mrs Bailey
her trip & herself again.

Worshipful impatience in
the coming of another child
into your home, to Mrs
Bailey & herself! She never
has given us all time pleasure.

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ABERDEEN.

May the son copy in his father's
work, & see an even greater
happier one!

Many thanks for the copy of
the Doff lectures which reached
me some time ago. I have
been reading them again
with great pleasure, & am
looking forward to a close
study of them when the
series is post. ^{I hope to write you again}
^{about them} ^{in a case.}
going to wish that

hit at the beginning where you
deduce numbers from the
very nature of Christianity,
(which is one of the most
interesting things in the
whole Christian book), I am
sorry to steal it & say, for 2
Sunday school lectures, which
I am projecting for you.
Dr. Robinson is mending.
Though his recovery has ~~been~~
been very slow, he is still
very far from well. Still his
mental vigour, which is a

good sign, his sense & memory
has returned.

I was much interested in your
Gustavus reference to the
Behai monument. Now, while
life endures, shall I forget
the graceful semi-circular
waltzing movement there-
-with? You circumvented
the two great disciples of
Abbas Effendi! It has
often come back to me since
& been a well of refresh-
-ment. I take it that
there was much history
behind that waltz.

Yet I don't like to see the
thing studied & dealt with
by some positive Christian
beliefs - the books which I
have seen do not answer to
this account, as yet.

I have been very busy all
winter, part with class
work, and part with
"following up the impresse-
-ment" Scotland is not
real definitely committed
either way yet - But there
can be no question that
a new heat is stirring.

62, HAMILTON PLACE,
ABERDEEN.

There is a new spirit of interest
& groups of ministers are I
believe forming. & there
will be more progress.

There needs to be!

There is an valuable spot
indicative of how much
A most striking paper
on the subject has
just come in from
Professor Hogg &
Madam. I have a copy

me wry. ~~but~~ will try to

get one for you.

There is no able mind at
work among our James
men today.

But I must stop. This

letter has already swollen
out to unusual dimensions.

Remember me most kindly
to your wife. Your mother in

law & your barman, even, if I

may use a bull, to the

youngest of them. Some day,^{if}
^{hope,} he will actually remember me,
and believe me, with

warm regards,

Wm. Lufford,

D. S. Cairns.

Campbell, John E.

J. E. CAMPBELL,
GROCER.
49 NORTH SANDUSKY STREET.

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MR. SPEER

Delaware, Ohio, Dec 11, 1906

Mr Robt E Speer
New York

My dear brother :-
My wife & I would gladly
have taken your hand and told
you how much you have
helped us but there were so ^{many}
wishing to do the same that we
forbore that pleasure.

We wish however to express
our personal appreciation of
your lectures and, most of all,
your uplifting words to us in
our own church.

I know that they will be
productive of great good to
our people. At the close of
that service, I asked my self the

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question - Well, what are you going to do about it? We will push harder & pull stronger & keep on, God helping us, until not one missionary will represent us on the field but more than one.

Thank you for coming into Sabbath School and speaking to us.

I am sure we will all strive harder for your having been with us & when we fail will not give up but "press forward to the mark of the prize of the upward calling in Christ Jesus"

Sincerely
John E. Campbell

SAMUEL B. CAPEN.
350 WASHINGTON STREET.
BOSTON

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MAR 28 1907
MR. SPEER

March 26, 1907.

My dear Mr. Speer:-

I have a growing conviction that we ought at a very early date have a meeting of our Executive Committee, which shall take time to plan a little more definitely than we have yet, just what this new Laymen's Missionary Movement is to do. We have been doing that part which was necessary to get the matter before the public and we must continue to do this, but a great deal more than this is necessary, and I am sending herein a copy of a letter I have sent today to Mr. White. This meeting must be appointed at some date when you certainly can be present for we need you in this most important discussion. I will try to shape my plans to that of the others. Some time the latter part of the week beginning April 14th might seem to be a good time. I enclose two clippings from the "Congregationalist" which may interest you.

Very sincerely yours,

Samuel B. Capen

Dictated to A. G.

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MAR 28 1907
MR. SPEER.

March 26, 1907.

My dear Mr. White:-

I am sending you herewith a copy of a circular we are sending out to the ministers in order to secure lists of laymen for our dinner April 29th.

I think we ought to have some time, perhaps in the middle of April, a meeting of the Executive Committee, in which we should have time to discuss with considerable detail our future plans. Especially it seems to me we ought to find out, if we may, from the Home Secretaries of the various Boards how they think our new Movement can best help them in their work. These men are many of them veterans who have had large experience, and I am sure ought to ~~give~~ give us some very valuable suggestions. If these letters could be written as early as possible, we might have them before us when we have our next Executive Committee meeting. In fact, I think we ought perhaps in sending out these letters to ask the Home Secretaries if they could give us these suggestions by the 15th of April, so we could have our meeting some time the latter part of that week, on the date that will best accommodate others. I presume it might be better to have this meeting perhaps at 3. 30 or 4 o'clock and then stay together until 10 or 11, if it was necessary.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated to A. G.

S.P.C.

SAMUEL B. CAPEN,
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APR 26 1909

Mr. Speer.

April 24, 1909.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,

156 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Speer:-

Mr. Marling has sent me a kind invitation to meet you April 30th before your departure for South America. I regret that it will be impossible for me to accept his courtesy. I wish I could see you before you sail and extend my earnest good wishes for your success in every way.

Let me take this opportunity to express my appreciation of the good work you are doing in our missionary cause. We all feel that you are one of the greatest leaders the Lord has ever raised up in our nation, and your influence is increasing and will increase from year to year. You have been an inspiration to my life, as you have been to tens of thousands. May the good Lord keep you in perfect health and strength and grant you every success on your important journey.

With assurances of great regard, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Samuel Capen

*How we shall miss you
in our L. M. M. Committee!*

Cavert, Samuel M.

UNION COLLEGE CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
SCHENECTADY
NEW YORK

Feb. 7, 1911.

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FEB 8 1911

Mr. Speer.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Ave,
New York.

My dear Mr. Speer:-

I am enclosing you a report of "Conditions that affect the Moral and Religious Life of Union College". I am sending a copy to Mr. Davis, also. We have thought that you might care to know as definitely as possible, before you come, what our situation is. We are, therefore, sending you this brief study which we have prepared.

I trust that you will write me freely of any suggestions that you have to offer.

We are looking forward with deep interest to your visit and that of "Bob" Davis. We are really in earnest and are much in prayer for the work.

Faithfully yours,

Samuel M. Cavert, gen. Sec.

A Survey of Conditions that Affect the Moral and Religious Life at Union College.

1 Forces that are at work for preserving and developing religious and moral life.

Outside of the work of the College Christian Association there are only two agencies definitely aiming to develop the religious life of the student body:- (1) Daily Chapel Service and (2) The Churches in the City.

Concerning the regular chapel service, which is under the direction of the faculty, it seems unavoidable to reach the conclusion that it has very little real influence upon the religious life of the college. This is probably due to these two reasons:(1) Attendance is compulsory and the whole matter of college chapel has come, therefore, to be treated as a customary institution rather than a service of worship. (2) The more important reason for the ineffectiveness of the chapel service seems to be due to the monotony and rather lifeless nature of the service.

Concerning the influence of the city churches it must be said that there is no very definite or energetic attempt on their part to reach the students of the college. Hardly 25% of the students of the college regularly attend any city church. It is probably fair to say that the average student acts as though the church had no very important claims upon educated men.

In general, there is a spirit in college that stands for morality in student life. The honor system, adopted about two years ago, has had considerable influence in fostering a spirit of honesty and of gentlemanly conduct.

2 Sociological Conditions.

Out of a student body of about 300, all of whom are men, a trifle over 50% live in fraternity houses. All of these, with but one exception, are located upon the campus. About 15% of the students live in college dormitories: nearly 20% have their own homes in the city: and a trifle over 15% room and board in the city boarding houses.

The physical conditions in fraternity houses and dormitories are excellent; in rooming houses, also, as a rule, at least fairly good.

So far as the committee can ascertain, "booze" is not allowed to be brought into any of the fraternity houses. Nor is playing poker for stakes, or other forms of gambling, generally approved within fraternity houses. In dormitories drinking and gambling have been known to occur, although infrequently.

3 Social Life of the Students.

In all of the fraternity houses, which embrace over one-half of the student body, there is ample opportunity for good social life. There is plenty of comradeship; frequent dances, all of a pure nature, fraternity re-unions, fraternity smokers, etc. For fraternity men the social life nearly always centers around the fraternities.

For men outside of fraternities there are not always the same ample opportunities for the refined social amusements. As a rule they indulge in social life far less than fraternity men.

In the case of fraternity and non-fraternity men alike, the

popular college cafes attract students in large numbers, especially after important athletic victories etc. Moderate drinking for the sake of good companionship is very generally sanctioned; the student who is frequently drunk is held in very slight esteem. Excessive drinking is far less frequent than it was a few years ago.

4 Forces that Tend to Break down the Moral and Spiritual Life of Students.

(1) Drinking. Students very generally see no serious objection to moderate drinking; a large majority think it rather essential to good fellowship. It is encouraging, however, that the saloons patronized by students are nearly always those of the better class, those more free from immoral influences. The most popular college resorts - such as "Glenn's", "Louie's", "George's" - are what are known as "highly respectable places". The committee believes that the "low-down saloons receive very little patronage from students.

(2) Cheap Theaters. The so-called cheap theaters, ie those of the ten-cent type, attract the students very little. The Schenectady "burlesque house" is very largely patronized by students; large numbers of students go at least once every week.

(3) Cheap Dance Halls. A few students occasionally go to these, but not very frequently. (4) Gambling-joints are not patronized by any large number of students.

(5) Prostitution. It has been very difficult to get such definite information upon this subject as would lead to an accurate conclusion. The general attitude of the student body toward the whole matter is undoubtedly one of condemnation. Yet it is probably true that as many as 15% of the students have fallen into sin with chorus girls or have visited houses of prostitution in Schenectady or the adjoining city of Albany. The committee believes, however, that only a small part of this number are frequent resorters to such places.

Chapin, Edward S.

FEB 25 1902
MR. SPEER.

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get Mr.
Hood's letter
from Cousin 117

115 High St.
Boston, Mass.

Feb. 24, 1902

My dear Mr. Speer: -

The summer of '98 I
met you at Northfield and advised
with you just before you left.
Since then I have found it one
thing to wish to see a preacher,
and quite another to have decent
thoughts, - also considerable of
a struggle to be a true man in
business.

But the matter in hand
of which I write from my
animal laboratory here in Boston -
wherefore the dirt - is our
Union Church C. F. Society,
which is in the midst of the

step further, second nature almost.

Now a talk needs a man behind it. This is delicate.

Our pastor has fine thoughts; but it needs a Christian, church loving laymen, with a big portion of Christ's Spirit, to listen to him. His thoughts stay with such a one; but oh it is such hard work to keep down rebellion so they can. Do you think, and this is a hard question, a service in which he would be forced to talk quickly & to the point & not live might bring out God's purpose in him and capture these backsliding young men back from foolishness and indifference?

I think I have bothered you enough and perhaps

student population and is not reaching out as it should to bring the young boys of Technology to Christ.

You spoke at Mechanics' Building about the languing underneath all for the truth, the new wine which springs forth - where the middle partition between formalism and heathenism is broken down, and in Christ a new man springs up.

You understand Christian Endeavor. President Pritchett, who wishes to have Tech. men broad, has suggested in our church an afternoon service. - I hate to intrude into your busy life - but you and yours have helped me so that this is just a

predicated an assertion which is
contestable. I hope so.

Sincerely yours,

Edward S. Chapin.

Clark, Harriet Gulick

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Nashville, Tenn. _____ 190

Dear Dr. Speer;—

Pardon me please
but I am impelled to tell you two
little stories that may be worth
telling to the young people.

A sick woman whom we
had befriended, just before dying
begged her son to come to us
and borrow a ^{photograph} picture of our
God that when she reached
the other world and saw all
of the Gods standing in a row
she might know which one
to thank for the goodness of
his people here.

Miss Barrows, on a great
Japanese steamer, was

addressed by a stranger Japanese who in the course of the long conversation told her that he had come on board intending to jump over board and be drowned, but her face told of something that must make life worth living for her; would she please tell him what it was. He did not jump overboard but became a Christian ~~was~~ ^{was} saved by a living photograph of the loving God.

I am praying for the meetings, for the young folks and you leaders. I have not found my girls yet.

Sincerely

Harriet Gulick Clark

Clothier, —
Grace?

BALLYTORE,
WYNNEWOOD, P.O., PA.

Dec. 12th 1903

My dear Mr. Speer —

Although I sent a message to you by Powers I still feel like communicating with you directly. Although I have not had the pleasure of meeting you since your visit to Concord I have followed your career with interest. The death of my mutual friend brought us to the same company of mourners and I greatly regretted that though you was so near you, did not have the opportunity to take you by the hand. I think Powers tells you of my appreciation of your helpful attitude to one of the sick and most helpful

christmas I have ever known
It is the highest praise to
say that it was adequate.

Perhaps with my comparatively
limited opportunities with him
(I mean as compared with yours)
I should not speak at all to
you, or say how much I shall
miss him and that I feel
as if something has gone out
of my life, which cannot be
replaced.

I remember Mrs. Spear and
myself most pleasantly and
shall hope when I go to see
~~the~~ Beth and Fanny in their
new home to meet you again.

Will you kindly present my
high regards to her, and with best
wishes for you both I am

Sincerely yours
Wm. L. Cotton

Cochran, Clement H.

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· GOLD MEDAL FLOUR ·

Minneapolis, Minn.,

September 13th, 1910.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
156-Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Speer:--

I am returning to you by express prepaid manuscript which you recently sent me. I have gone over it carefully and bracketed in red the portions which I thought could best be cut out and have in this way reduced it by something over 20,000 words. In doing this I have tried to keep in mind the viewpoint of the average reader more or less interested in missions rather than that of persons directly connected with this work. To make any further radical reduction will, as you say, involve a large re-writing of the book which would necessarily do away with much of the contemporary descriptions and would to that extent lessen the interest of the average reader. I don't feel that this step should be taken if it is possible to get a publisher who will accept it in substantially its present form. Would it be worth while trying any other publishers and would a small guarantee fund overcome the difficulty?

It seems to me that the book in its present form is sufficiently interesting to reach quite an audience among the increasingly large number who are interested in missionary work and if it could be put on the market in its present volume and attractive form that its influence would be greater both in quality and quantity than if it were reduced to mere pamphlet form whose circulation would be largely among missionary societies, etc. who are already well supplied with that sort of literature. Certainly the biography as it now stands should carry to

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Robert E. Speer, --2--

the average reader a good share of the inspiration and stimulus it does to those of us more vitally connected and to its power in the latter respect I can testify that it has convinced me that if a place in Persia were made known to me where with my present training I could do some fraction of the good and wield some portion of the power portrayed in these pages, I could not resist its call upon me.

I hope you will advise me your views and also as to the guaranty question. If that amount were not too large think it could be arranged among those interested.

Yours sincerely,



Coleman, Horace

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APR 6 1899

H. C. Coleman,
400 DeKalb Street,
Norristown, Penna.

April 5 '09

Mr. Speer.

Dear Rob:

I spent Sunday in Baltimore and John told me that Mrs. Speer and you expected to be at the wedding on the 14th inst.

I cannot tell you how delighted I am at the thought of your being present, nor how much I appreciate the sacrifice you are making in order to come. Helen is delighted - I would love to have you take a part in the Service - The closing prayer.

Hoping to see you soon, with warmest love, I am

Your friend,
Horace

Coleman, Horace

CAMP DIAMOND
DIAMOND POND
VIA COLEBROOK, N.H.

Sept. 9th 09

Dear Rob:

I want to write you a letter to go along with all the others from Camp at this time. My one great object in writing, is to tell you how I love you, and how much you have been missed at Camp this year.

Every day I appreciate more and more the love that prompted you

Coleman, Horace

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Every day I appreciate more and more the love that prompted you

Constantly from May 6 - until the present,
on your long and lonely journey.

Of course we have all missed you,
and the rest of the family, dreadfully at
Camp this summer. Our only consolation
has been that hope that it will never
occur again. You must plan to
come next year even if only for a few
days to or from Scotland.

I know you will want to know
about the Carrs. The family excepting
Mrs. Carr are about as usual. Mrs. C. has
been to the hospital and operated upon for
Cancer of the stomach. She is in bed and
I am afraid she is not going to get about
again. They are living in Colebrook. Mr.
Hale having taken their farm. Mrs. Cross has
also been to the hospital for an operation. How
serious I do not know.

I must now close with warmest love from
both of us - Very affectionately, Horace.

to give up the only day that
was free to you, and the one you
had planned to spend with your
family before going on your long
journey, to come to Baltimore
and be present at our wedding.

It is only natural to love in
return. So our hearts have
been going out to you, and our
prayers have been going up for
you. We have remembered you
daily and have followed you

J. C. Coleman,

400 DeKalb Street,
Norristown, Penna.

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MR. SPEER.

Dear Rob,

Thank you for your
Christmas greeting, and thank
you still more for the abiding
love that prompted it -

Your love is among the
most precious possessions of
my life. I do not deserve
it, but I do appreciate it.

Hoping to see you soon,
and with warm love to all
the family, I am,

Your friend
J. C. Coleman

Cook, Joseph W.

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1910
Mr. Speer

MARION E. SMITH
SUPERINTENDENT

9/7/10

Dear Mr Speer:-

Thank you very much for your letter and the enclosure from Dr. Waddell. I am glad you are home again safe and sound, and I trust you have had a fine and restful summer. I missed you many times and thought where we were just one year ago. I hope I shall see you again soon too Mr. Speer. I have had a fine summer here in the Hospital - am enjoying the work immensely.

As to Brazil it's up to you and the Board. I want to go where they need medicine and Surgery most and that is for you to decide.

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PHILADELPHIA.

MARION E. SMITH
SUPERINTENDENT

I'm getting as much surgery as I can.

Mr. Speer if there is any record of the recent conference that you think advisable for me to read would you mind letting me know so that I can get it? I'll be very much obliged.

Please give my love to Cousin Emma and all your family.

I hope you will have a fine winter and all keep well.

Very sincerely yours
Joseph W. Cook.

Dana Hall,
Wellesley, Massachusetts.

MAY 8 1908

Miss Cook, herey

Mr. Speer.

May 7, 1908.

My dear Mr. Speer,

It is always a pleasure to think of dear Miss Jackson, and I am indeed happy to write you regarding the influence of her life and teaching at Dana Hall.

One of the girls has already written you, I believe, how deeply impressed we all were with Miss Jackson's devotion to the highest interests of those about her. [She entered our home to accept what seemed a slight proposition, but we soon recognized her as a distinct power for good in our midst. The Bible work took on a new interest. She evidently spent numberless hours in the most careful preparation for her weekly lesson, and her pupils often told us that they could not imagine studying the New Testament under a more inspiring teacher.]

Her relation with all the girls was one of unusually loving and helpful friendship, and her own home was constantly opened to them in a way that they greatly appreciated. Miss Jackson came to us in the autumn, and as the Christmas season approached, I found myself giving frequent commissions to the girls to visit her in the little home on the other side of the town. Sometimes it was to learn to make some pretty gift for the coming holiday, sometimes to return a book or to borrow one, and sometimes just to drink a cup of afternoon tea. In such ways she drew the girls very near to her, and having their interest and confidence found many opportunities to guide and strengthen their higher life.

As for myself, I felt her friendship and earnest assistance

Dana Hall.

Wellesley, Massachusetts.

from the beginning. On one occasion I brought to her a problem of school which I felt might be solved by her wider experience in Christian Association work. She asked for a little time to think over it, and in a day or two gave me a paper most carefully written containing an interesting, helpful, and exhaustive discussion of the whole question with her own positive opinion on it. This unusual interest, with the most careful thought and study, was to me one of the most pronounced characteristics of her teaching. Above all, the reality of her vision of Christ, and the beautifully practical way in which she lived the life of her Master among us, won and held her pupils and her friends in unusual loyalty. Her withdrawal from Dana Hall brought a deeper sense of loss than the school has ever sustained. Even yet we do not talk very much about Mrs. Jackson, though she lives in a very vital way in our hearts. We are deeply grateful for the vision of this truly consecrated and womanly life, and for the opportunity of association for a brief season with one who, while on earth "tossed her anchor among the stars".]

We are all anticipating your visit to Wellesley on the 17th. As you have already planned a very full day at the College, it hardly seems to ask anything of you. If you wish to leave for New York on the sleeper the evening, perhaps you will let me bring you down to Dana Hall after the evening service, and give you a little something to eat. If you are not too tired you can then say a good-night word to the girls.

Very cordially yours,

Helen Temple Cook

2d Stamp
enclosed

Cooke, Helen Temple

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MAR 2 1909

Dana Hall,

Wellesley, Massachusetts.

Mr. Speer:

My dear Mr. Speer,

We have tried to
check Mr. Meen willing
to ask some one else to
deliver on Commencement
address, but we have not
succeeded. The thought
has occurred to me and
has been at several times
you might not care to give
a date in almost the least

already done for the Foreman and for
the School, and that I earnestly hope
you will be able to spend the latter
part of the day on June 16th in Melbury.
There are parents, like Mr. Van Wageningen
of East Oregon, as well as pupils, who would
greatly appreciate your presence with us. So
may I ask you to consider this date
and the occasion with all the facts in
mind. Very cordially yours.
Helen Temple Co. N. H.

Season of the year to a
Girls' Preparatory School. There
So Many Larger opportunities
are open to you. We are
so united in wanting you
to come to us that I have
decided to put the matter
before you with my assurance
that a balance seems necessary
and that you are to do nice
be entirely understood and
approved. I want you to
know, however, how much I
appreciate that you have

March 1, 1909.

Cowing, Ruth

n.d.



My dear Mr. Speer:

We are
very, anxious to have
you speak on Bible
Study the Sunday
you are to speak here
at Smith, at our
Verbum Servare, so if
it is not asking too
much, or necessitate
too great a change
in your plans, may
we look forward to
your doing so? A

want very much to
have another revival
in the religious
interests of the College
this New Year. And
in particular we
own Bible Classes and
Prayer Meetings, and
it would help us
very much. I am
sure. If you could
speak on that one
subject-

Most sincerely yours
Ruth Cowing
Pres. of Class

Cowing, Ruth

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MR. SPEER.

My dear Mr. Speer:

I was very
glad to hear to-day that
you can come to Truth,
& still hope that you can
speak on Bible Study,
because so few girls knew
Alice Jackson that I am
afraid the service would
not be as much appre-
ciated as it would
otherwise be. But if I
am asking too much,
& you & President Selby
think differently, please

doubt corrected my re-
quest. And I also have
another one to make.
It would be possible for
you to come to Smith
Lodge in the after-
noon, & speak to the
leaders of our Bible
Classes? If you could
come to her house

39 West 11th, two hours
before Plymouth, we
could take you to the
meeting & from there
to President Selby's
house. We are most
anxious to have you any
time you can come. If
only for a few minutes
I sincerely yours
Ruth Cowing

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Robt S. Speer,

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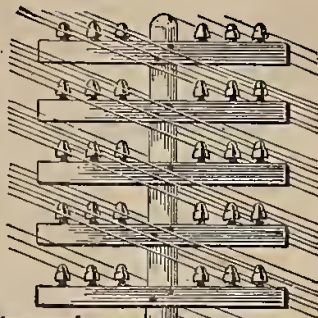
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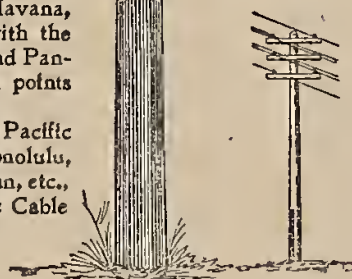
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Yours &c
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Colorado

Highly appreciate honor but very sorry

can not consider it.

Robert E. Speer

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February 26, 1910

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Mr. Speer

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

I wish to bring to your attention the fact which has been communicated to me by our State Department, that President Taft has called the great nations of the world to meet at the Hague this year (probably in August) to consider the proposal that throughout the world, by copoerative action, the sale of opium, except guardedly for medicinal purposes, shall be prohibited.

You will at once recognize that this means the removal of the greatest hindrance to missions in more than half the mission field, if successful, and the State Department fully recognizes that the success of this proposal depends quite as much on the outside agitation of Christians in the various countries as on the diplomatic work that may be done on the inside. My hope is that an address from the Christian men of America to the Christian men of other nations that are participating officially in this conference may be adopted and sent with all the momentum of your great Movement, stating the above facts, and asking the Christian men in the various countries to approach their Governments by petitions, letters and deputations, as may be most suitable and effective, with a view to the appointment of such delegates and the giving of such instructions as will lead each country to support the great proposal of our President, which it is appropriate for the Christian men of the same country to support and ask others to support.

I have a statement of the whole Anti-Opium Movement in French as well as English, the latter being the "Report of Progress" in the back part of the latest edition of my "Intoxicating Drinks and Drugs", a copy of which I am sending you. I am sending you in this mail also some documents on the subject that will bring the matter down to a recent date, and a copy of a statement of the latest phase of the matter. I am enclosing with this a rough draft of such a letter as would seem to me suitable for the Christian men of America to send, and which will give you the raw material for such a letter as you might think best to submit. The letter should be sent as soon as possible, for we may be sure that the men interested in the opium traffic will go to work at once to effect the choice of delegates likely to favor their side.

It will not be too late to influence the Governments, however, in May, because the official instructions of the Foreign Secretaries will be more controlling than the private opinions of the delegates.

Yours for "a better world" here and now.

Dictated and
signed in absence.

Wilbur P. Crafts

The Christian men of the United States send greeting to the Christian men of such other nations as are invited by our President to meet officially at an International Conference sometime during this year at the Hague, to consider whether they will not agree that, by separate and cooperative action, the sale of opium shall be prohibited, except guardedly for medicinal uses.

It will be recognized at once that this proposal would remove the greatest hindrance to missions in more than one half the foreign mission field, especially in Eastern Asia, while it would also remove a hindrance to Christian work in most of our own countries as well.

This proposal failed of adoption by a narrow margin in the International Joint Commission on Opium at Shanghai last year, and it is therefore evident that it will be necessary that public sentiment shall be expressed in each of the countries participating. We therefore suggest that missionary organizations, and especially missionary organizations of men, shall memorialize their Governments by appropriate methods in behalf of such action, by way of counteracting the efforts that opium dealers are sure to make to secure the action of the Governments on their side.

Crane, Edith C.

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MR. SPEER.

Dear Mr Speer:-

You may remember

that at the Silver Bay Student Conference in 1905 you mentioned in an address a group to which you belonged, whose mutual intercessory prayer meant much in the life and work of each member of it. The suggestion came with the force of inspiration to several of us independently, that forming such a group

among Bryn Mawr alumnae would
weld as could nothing else the bond
already existing among some whose
dearest desire individually was the
coming of God's Kingdom. And so
the night before the Conference
closed eight of us met in a room
in Forest Inn, and adding the
names of three who were abroad,
formed plans for regular and def-
inite communication each month dur-
ing the year, promising each to be
frank in the requests we should
make for the others' prayer. We
took Eph. 2:19-22 as our common
verses. That meeting itself was

a rare experience of spiritual real-
ity, but the months that have passed
since "The Eleven" became a fact
have developed in each of us a rich-
ness of life we had not known.

There were volunteers at that time,
one being already on the field: now
three more have signed the declar-
ation, and the vital concern for
God's work in the whole field, the
world, has deepened in every life.
May the reflex action come very
strongly to the student body of
Bryn Mawr as we learn better
what it means to pray and to work
for the greatest enterprise that can be.

We wish you to know these facts
in order that you may understand
the spirit in which we thank you for
a suggestion so fruitful subjectively, and
as we trust so full of gracious blessing
for others and of glory to the Name of
Jesus Christ.

- 1895 Margaret Helen Shearman
1897 Eleanor Olivia Somell
1900 Edith Campbell Crane.
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1712 Grove Avenue.
Richmond, Va.

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Dear Mr. Speer: - MR. SPEER

It is with great

pleasure that we send you the enclosed letter: and we want to ask that, in consideration of the fact that it has seemed wise to us to keep our special connection with each other rather quiet, you will give us your help by not mentioning either names or college.

With all good wishes to you
and Mrs Speer for the year
~~so~~ soon to open, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

Edith Campbell Crane.

Monday, December thirty first.

Crane, Louis B

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My dear Speer; -

Mr. Speer. It has been

a comfort during this
desolate summer to
hear from my friends
and Mrs Travis and
to be assured of their
sympathy and prayer -
for I have been
and am still in
desperate need of
work. My trouble

professing almost hopeless
I lay with my head
& "It must be wise and
loving" - But how can
my heart say it? -

I can see no possible reason
for such a dispensation -
discipline for me? yes -

I need I think accept that
I hope may profit by it
& be made a better man -

But there are my four
little children who need
just need the mother's love
& care -

But here my faith is
mechanical again - I don't

at a mechanical
faith? If so mine is
like that just now -
I have trained myself
to observe the way of
God in other lives - never
having experienced any
great sorrow myself, and
I have seen that he works
in wisdom and love - &
Reason generally, con-
firms this as well as
revelation. "He that spares
not his own son" etc -
Now comes my need and

need to understand
God's way + I am will-
ing to hold on + wait.
But oh I wish I could
love his will as well
as bow—

Forgive me — Your
letter was so grate-
ful to me — it set me
thinking again —

Very sincerely

Louis B. Crane

Woodstock, Conn }
Jul 28. 1908. }

The International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations,

3 West Twenty-ninth Street, New York.

THOMAS K. CREE,
SECRETARY.

November 26 1906

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MR. SPEER.

Mr Robert Speer
New York City

Dear Mr Speer

For some half dozen years, I have been pursuing our International Committee line of Bible study. I have found it very profitable as well as pleasant. I have recently come to the "Studies in Luke" by yourself. It is one of the older publications in the series and I am getting a good many good and helpful things out of it as, I have no doubt, thousands of others have been and are doing.

I have had in mind to write in this connection and, to call attention to your comment in it on "Luke as an artist and, to ask whether in your travels, you have come across the church of "Santa Maria del Majoric" in Rome. I spent part of last winter in Rome. This church is a very interesting one and is commonly known as the "Church of the Snow". A very interesting legend is connected with its location. At this church is a picture of the Virgin Mary, attributed to Luke and somewhat creditable history tells of this picture having been carried in a religious procession in Rome as early as the third or fourth century. I do not do even religious sight seeing while abroad, but I happened in Rome on "the day of the Virgin" and this church is one of some eighty dedicated to her and, on this one day in the year, this picture, which hangs over the altar dedicated to her, is unveiled. However, it hangs so high that one can scarcely more than see what it is, but I saw it as far as it was possible to do so.

Very sincerely yours

Thomas K. Cree

Cross, Joseph

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JAN 11 1901
MR. SPEER.



State of New Jersey

Senate Chamber

Elizabeth, N. J.

January 10,

Trenton, _____ 1901.

Mr. Robert E. Speer.

My dear Mr. Speer:-

I have received your favor of the 7th, inst, relative to the proposed Local Option Bill, and it will receive my careful consideration.

It is only fair to say, however, that I do not clearly see the benefit to be derived from Local Option, which some of its adherents do, and in my judgment the smaller the territory included in a Local Option scheme, the less the benefit. I do not believe, or at least I have grave doubts, whether temperance in general would be promoted by prohibiting the sale of liquor in one municipality, when in all probability it would be sold in three or four immediately adjoining districts.

Take Bergen County for instance, where there are between I think fifty and sixty distinct municipalities; suppose that one-half of them should vote for Local Option and the other half for license, what would be the result? Those who want a drink would still get it, although it would keep them out a little later nights, and cost them a little more money. Then too in those localities where license was permitted, the men licensed, feeling that they were backed by public sentiment, would go to even greater lengths than they now do.

Again while the question is said to be a non-political one in the very nature of things, it cannot be otherwise than political. This is demonstrated by the repeal of the act of 1888. That act was not repealed by the prohibitionists, for they, while they usually, indeed I may say always have a ticket in the field, have never shown any great political strength.

The Bill of 1888 which was passed in good faith, and declared constitutional, was nevertheless repealed, simply because it was not supported by public sentiment, and as a direct result of its repeal there were a series of the worst legislatures, judging by the character of the laws they passed, which were ever elected in this State; political strike bills were common and to crown all, we had the coal combine and the race-track legislation.



State of New Jersey

Senate Chamber

Elizabeth, N.J.

(R.E. S.-2)

Trenton, January 10, 1901.

In my judgment better results can be obtained from high license, which can now be had in any County, if the people demand it, than from Local Option.

In Plainfield in this County for instance, I think the license fee at one time was \$1000, and the number of saloons was reduced to about five, I think even now the license fee there is \$1000. At Summit in this County, the license fee is \$500, and there are about four saloons and these as well conducted as saloons can be.

Then too, there is the question whether three hundred people shall control two hundred and ninety-nine in the matter of drinking. Of course, the answer is the majority should rule, but when it comes to regulating a personal habit not in itself criminal the majority regulated is embittered, strife is engendered and good citizenship is not promoted.

I have written somewhat at length, because I appreciate your good judgment, and know that your action is guided by the best of motives.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Joseph Brown

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Daly, I. Fairley

MAY 28 1888

Mr. Speer

17 Park Circus Place
Glasgow May 18 '88.

My dear Mr. Speer

Your good letter of Mch 12th I duly received. I see you are already full of thoughts in view of the Duff Lectures. May you come with a message full of stimulus & guidance to us all.

I am looking forward with pleasure to meeting your friends B. Brown & Mr. Mott in July. Mr. Duncan McLaren, B. Robson, the Rev James Buchanan & I go from Scotland. Hope we may be able to arrange to meet in Oxford.

It is very kind of you to offer to send me the reports of the Canadian & American Mission Boards. The last of these reports I received

eleventh

from you was the Report - 1904.
If you have any reports after that
I sh^d. very much like to see them as
I feel sure they would be helpful
to us in preparing & arranging for
the Ecumenical Conference. I
therefore appreciate very much your
kind offer, & shall carefully read
the reports you send before going to
Oxford.

I am writing this in Edinburgh
where we have come for our General
Assembly. Doubtless you know
our mutual friend Dr. Laws of
Livingstonia has been appointed
Moderator & to-morrow he delivers
his moderatorial address. He
& I are both staying in this private
hotel. He came home ten days ago
& looks remarkably well, though a
good deal older, but "Anno Domini"

is a disease none of us can escape.
This Assembly promises to be a
quiet one. I trust it will be a use-
ful one. Would you believe it, the
Legal Orders of the Church Com-
missioners as to our property &
funds, though lying on their table
signed, & published in the news-
papers, they have resolved not to
issue till all the accounting &c
is squared up. The consequence
is we are tied hand & foot as
to all definite future arrange-
ments.

With kindest regards
Yours very truly
J. Purley Daly

17 Park Circus Pl. Glasgow

Summer
Address

Daly, I. Fairley

BLAIRELLEN,
LANARK, N.B.

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Aug. 6.

My dear Mr. Speer

Sunday brought us
our 'Missionary Record' with
the delightful news that
you had been appointed
the next Duff Lecturer.
Allow me to congratulate
you, while still more I con-
gratulate the Com^{ee} of our
Church. The choice is a
most happy one, and one
I know will do more justice
to the subject or take better
advantage of the opportunity.

The College in Glasgow is just across the street from our house so we shall hope to see much of you & get many long talks. As it is not till 1910 you are required to deliver the lectures I hope you will be able to remain till the summer & attend the Ecumenical Cong^{ee}. If it you will be hearing from Dr. Brown who is Convener of the American Com^{ee}. We hope to have

the Sub-Com^{ees} all appointed this winter & many of them set to work. Already encouraging promises of help are coming in from our various Churches & Missionary Societies.

You will have noticed the iniquitous decision of our Church Commissioners on our funds. Roughly speaking they have allocated to us 900 Churches & all our Foreign Mission, Colonial Continental & Home Miss^{ion} property

Daly, Margaret Fairley

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Mr. Speer.

March 29, 1910.

Dear Mr. Speer,

How very kind of
you to send us "Pip is Pip"
I fancy Pip is Pip all the
world over. Don't you wish
foreign missions money would
multiply with the same
abnormal rapidity?

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We enjoyed a very hearty
laugh over this classic.
& thank you cordially
for cordially remembering
us.

We look best with plea-
sure upon your short stay
in our home & hope to see
you some time again.

Your letters were much

appreciated & we have put
a number talking of them.

I hope the season was fair
-ly kind to you & that you
found all your people well
on your arrival home.

My husband & I are just
starting this afternoon for
London where there is a
meeting in connection with
the Conference. Arrangements

for it to be as such.

Again thanking you
for your kindness I will
our united kindest re-
-ferrals.

Believe me,

Yrs. sincerely,

Marjorie Fairly Daly.

Daly, J. Fairley

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APR 27 1910

Mr. Speer

APR 27 '10

My dear Mr. Speer

How kind of you to remember both my wife & myself with your thoughtful & well chosen gifts! Emerson on Friendships we read again with new pleasure in your lovely little copy, & had a good laugh last night over "Pigs is Pigs." The book will do, but send no consignment of the animals, although they may be booked as 'pets'!

I trust you got a little quiet rest on your return home.

for you took none here. How
 you managed to knock about
 as you did, hardly ever
 two nights in the same bed,
 it beat me to understand.
 I could not have done it for
 one week, but in your case
 "Anno Domini" has not yet
 begun to tell.

One of our ^{Calabar} missionaries
 came back lately from a
 missionary meeting in Aber-
 deen in great breath at Prof
 Stalker, who was presiding,
 had asked him in what

part of Africa Calabar
 was situated. I replied I
 thought Speer had edu-
 cated him better than that!
 You see we have still a lot
 of spade work to do. The
 Home Base needs a deal
 of cultivating, & sometimes
 in unexpected quarters.

I am writing between two
 piles of type-written reports
 for the W. M. C. Commission II,
 & go up to London on Tuesday
 for a meeting of Executive.
 We are looking forward to
 seeing you in Edinburgh in
 June. It is going to be a
 crowded time, every day
 filled up morning noon & night.

I hope you are bringing Mr.
Speer with you to see our
modern Athens & get a peep
of our bonny heather hills.
We often have lovely heather
in June, even in Glasgow
With our united kindest
regards, believe me

Yours very truly
J. Fairley Daly

P.S. Could you find out for
me in a general way, if it
is common to have a Com-
munion Service with the
students in your Theological
Colleges in America.
J. F. D.

Cummings, J. B. Balto. Aug 23, 07.

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AUG 28 1907

My dear Mr. Speer,

~~MR. SPEER~~

I enclose picture of my son
Renwick Speer Cummings:
whom we have named for you.
His Mother was anxious that
he should be named for me
and I consented to please her.
We have named him for you
in the hope that your life
of intelligent, consecrated
character may be an incent-
ive to him. That he may
follow you as far as you
follow Christ.

The picture looks as much

like the boy as an uncolored
photograph can.

Of course you do not
remember me: but possibly
you may remember a young
man you met at a C. Erally
in Westminster Pres. Church:
who inquired about the
prospects of our Foreign
Board sending Mr. Geo. R.
Witte to Brazil: perhaps
some seven years ago; and
rode with you to Union Depot.

Wishing you God speed I
am

Cordially yours
J. R. Cummins

Darqan, E.C.

Louisville, Ky. Oct. 6, 1906.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,

Presbyterian Foreign Missionary Rooms,

New York, N. Y.

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R. E. SPEER
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w. E. C.

My dear Mr. Speer:-

I have been requested to prepare a paper for the next meeting of the Baptist Congress, to be held at St. Louis, Mo., November 13th next, on the topic: What Changes are Needed in the Motive and Method of Foreign Missions? - in the Appeal at Home. I am not responsible for the wording of the subject, but I take it to mean whether any changes should be made in our way of presenting Foreign Missions to our people so as to secure support, and also whether any changes are called for in our organizations and business methods in conducting the home side of Foreign Missions.

I have prepared a list of questions which I am taking the liberty of sending to you and other leaders in Missionary thought and work. I do not feel that I can intelligently discuss the topic without knowing at least something of the views of those who are especially concerned and intimately acquainted with the great enterprise. As I do not propose to mention any names in my paper, but only to make general acknowledgment of indebtedness to those who have answered my questions, you need not feel any restraint of prudence in your replies, but answer as frankly as you would do in private conversation with a brother whom you could trust to guard your confidence.

With this understanding I submit the enclosed questions, asking that you will be kind enough to answer within a week or ten days, such of them as you may feel disposed to consider.

Louisville, Ky. Oct. 6, 1906.

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Thanking you very much for any trouble and time you may take
to help me in this, I am,

Yours cordially,

E. C. Dargan

QUESTIONS ON MOTIVE AND METHOD IN FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1. MOTIVE.

1. What motive or motives were generally prominent in the earlier appeals among American Churches for Foreign Missions?
2. Was the belief that the heathen would suffer eternal punishment after death, unless rescued by the gospel, generally held?
3. Has there been a tendency in recent years for the ethical and humanitarian conception of Christianity to encroach upon the strictly evangelical view in urging the claims of missions?
4. Which class of motives- the evangelical or humanitarian- needs now the greater emphasis?
5. Is it right to press either one upon those who do not feel the other?
6. Is the humanitarian motive sufficient to sustain a missionary enterprise begun and hitherto supported chiefly by the evangelical one?
7. Would the humanitarian motive alone be sufficient for the inception of a new Missionary enterprise?

11. METHOD.

1. Is it desirable or feasible to merge the general denominational organizations for Foreign Missions into larger and more comprehensive bodies?
2. Is it desirable or feasible to add to existing organizations others of like character for the extreme western states?
3. Should this be done would it be well to have a large national organization to supervise all the Foreign Mission work of any one denomination?

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4. Is there yet need or place for an inter- denominational organization to advise in regard to the general Foreign Mission work of all American Churches?
5. In regard to Women's Societies should these remain as they are or be merged with the older bodies without regard to sex?
6. Are any changes desirable in the plan for conducting the home side of Foreign Missions, that is a general body, board and secretary?
7. In the local work is it best for the church to be sub-divided into Societies for Missions?
8. Is it desirable for local churches to conduct and support independent Missions and Missionaries?
9. Is the annual collection or the more frequent contributions the better way of raising funds?

Darrach, Edith P.

2/6/08

My dear Mr. Spear,

Here is

the copy of Mr. Kipling's address of which I spoke to you.

I am sorry it has been so delayed.

I am glad to have this chance to write you what it is all ways so difficult to say - a little of

see that I owe you
for the innumerable
messages of help &
strength which you have
brought me from him
to him as I have been
privileged to meet you
here. I am only an
insignificant one among
countless others, who
ask for a blessing on you
from Him whose mes-
sage you are.

Faithfully & gratefully
Yours

Erik Rowen Danach

Feb. 6th 1908.

Davies, C.B.,

DENTAL OFFICE

OFFICE HOURS 8 1/2 TO 10 & 11 TO 4.

DR. G. B. DAVIES,
PLAZA ANIBAL PINTO 49
P. O. BOX 414

Santiago, August 20th 1909

Mr Spectr.

Dear Sir, and fellow citizen.

Kindly excuse me for moun-
-digging a few minutes of your valuable time, and also of
pencil, I am slow with pen, and my time is always
limited. So now to the point, I am thankful to God
for the privilege of hearing you speak last Sunday
evening in the Church of the Rev Spring at the Finnish
I pressed near to you to say that in the future you will
receive from me a letter or book on some of my experiences.
Also I said I would liked to have stood on the platform
with you to have verified your assertions of the fact that
the Lord is always present beseeching us to inwardly learn
and inwardly digest His teachings as recorded in His
Holy book the Bible. I have tested the promises. I prayed
continually for six weeks from 8th to 10.11.12 and later just
as my physical strength lasted. My prayer was, Oh
Lord I now on this open Holy Bible and, ^{on} my bended knees
beseech You to grant me proof that You hear my prayers,
which are not for Wealth, Power, Honor or all such
worldly distinction, I simply ask, Am I living right,
speak to me as You spoke to Abraham, and all the
ancient worthies as recorded in this Holy book, Teach
me to serve Thee according to Thy will, and all
this I ask for Christ's sake, Well, at the end of
six weeks I was as usual on my knees alone.
not a soul in the flesh in the entire house.

enclosed please find some proof of my youth. The booklet will show
you that I am a friend of unsworn monks. Please read a letter of the first
few pages and believe it to me. My friend Rev. The other sheet
is a copy of the book.

Dear if you wish
to they will
the copies
of the book
to you

when a handsome man well dressed came to my open
bed room door, and said "come with me," we went down
stairs and on to the street. Elbowing ^{us} ^{way} ^{away} amongst the
the moving mass making ^{way} for me to follow him. We
went into a large Grocery store, and told me to order an
empty flower basket, then dictating food such as Tea coffee
sugar. Cheese butter Flour, &c. &c. then said "Pack up
that basket. Pay the bill, then said in the most natural way
send it to Mr. Davies, there lived a poor Widow with
3 children, she was Organist in the Church, go on
with your work. And disappeared. Not a man
even friends of mine seeing me, ever said
Mr Davies where did that man go to?

They neither saw or heard
him.
But ^{the} Widow got her basket of
food, I had the honor of being there's death
I never told ^{her} the President of the town, I was
afraid of prophesying her. Now you eminent servant
of Almighty God, if you care to know much, such proof of
that which you so courageously proclaim to the many
of Christ crucified, I am yours to tell you more such
and while you are here if you care to. You can find
out from the mass what kind of man is Davies
Dumbish #9 Plaza del Orden Valparaiso. Some 3 -
weeks ago, a well known Dr. Heath was alone, and a voice
called out to him, go and see Davies, he ran like a wild
man to see him. I was dining unconscious, he saved my life

Again, and finally.

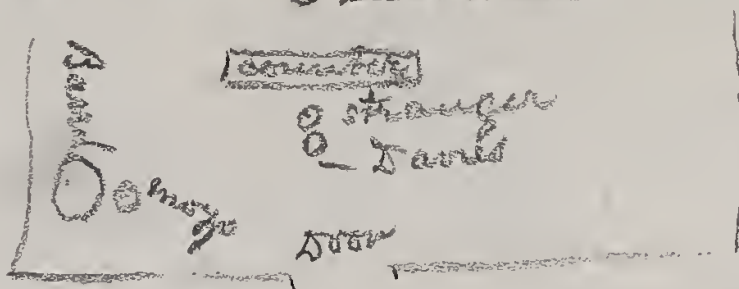
I will slip this in
to say that if ^{you} find my experience as here
recorded, of no importance or ~~all~~ of the
usual experiences of the mass. Then
permit me to say kindly excuse me for
troubling you. So. Some 15 years ago
I made it known, and I got strong
symptoms of a complete lack of belief
that the Lord ever treats us now
as in the days of old. Therefore, I did
not mention it again, lest I might
damage my efforts to work so publicly.
But having just escaped being murdered,
and recently almost died by an
attack of albumenaria. I thought
it prudent to get your opinion on
the matter in this way.

L. B. D.

Saturday morning 21st August

Again, Mrs. Speer.

It has occurred to me just now, that you might think this way, Well how can this be being, how could all this stuff provision be selected or ordered, and the man selling same not see or hear anything of him. This ^{is} how it was done, the stranger took his position ~~as~~
 O salesman



Street.

Stranger with his back to counter, and face to me, He commenced with order an empty flower band, I with face ^{to} salesman (who was my friend now in the grave) repeated the same viz an empty flower band. That fact attended then he said so much flower. Then I repeated the same viz so much flower, and so on until the band was quite full. Then came the order Head that band soft, which I repeated, and so on, so that, Sales man got his order from me, and did not find it strange, until he vanished. Then and only then, I was astonished: But sales man and Mrs Speer never saw or heard him, Such is life, Oh my God, Mrs Speer beyond human comprehension, so in all creation

Well. I enclose some printed matter for you to read, simply to show you my standing at Home, and of my life here. I have always been an energetic courageous man, doing my duty trusting to God. I helped to free the black slaves and clean our Glorious Stars and Stripes. I was carried on a stretcher of Stone River battle field. I followed my former profession on crutches for 3 years ^{after}, Building the Soldiers Home Dayton Ohio. I had to abandon it to save my left leg. I gave 3 yrs to dentistry, and have passed 35 years here trying to obey my Sell all that you have give it to the poor and follow Me. If you find my experiences beneficial to you, you can use them. Put me in print or Photograph if you wish.

Good by.

We will meet
in Heaven.

Sincerely your
fellow worker
C. B. Davis

Davison, Alice M.

544 Madison Avenue

Dec. 7-1910.

Dear Mr. Speer -

Thank you a thousand
times for your letter,
which gave us the greatest
joy - I have been thinking
of Emma so much these
days when I have been
at Englewood - watching
the shadow as it drew
near + near + I have

Will you give our dearest love to
Emma? I long to see her & shall
hope to do so when I may - for I
expect to spend a night with Louis
as often as possible - I don't know
if he told you how beautiful it
was at the time - How Lopez's face
lightened up with such an expression
surprise & admiration - with his
eyes opened to their fullest extent -
& then it was all over - he knew
that only a glimpse into heaven could

wanted to get to see her,
but it has not been
possible. Am it is such
joy to know that all is
well over & that you are
both enjoying in another
year. I do not think I
could wish anything better
for him than that he
should be like his elder
brother. I have always, as
you know been so fond of
Elliot. Am happy he &
Margot must be.

has brought such a look to
his face - It has had to
come back, & even now the
earthly things do not seem
quite real yet - The nurse
has so much more than
she can - Mother has
felt the shame a good deal -
but she is growing stronger &
she is so interested in the
baby & wishes to lead her
love with mine to you all -

Yours most sincerely,
Alice Mason Davison.

Davison, H.P.

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JUL 23 1908

No. 29.

First National Bank

Mr. Speer.

Handwritten initials

GEO. F. BAKER, President.

H. C. FAHNESTOCK, V. Prest.	FRANCIS L. HINE, V. Prest.
H. P. DAVISON, V. Prest.	GEO. F. BAKER, Jr., V. Prest.
C. D. BACKUS, Cashier.	O. H. HARRIMAN, Asst. Cashier.
W. J. NEVIUS, Asst. Cashier.	S. W. M. BISHOP, Asst. Cashier.

New York, July 22, 1908

Handwritten initials and stamp

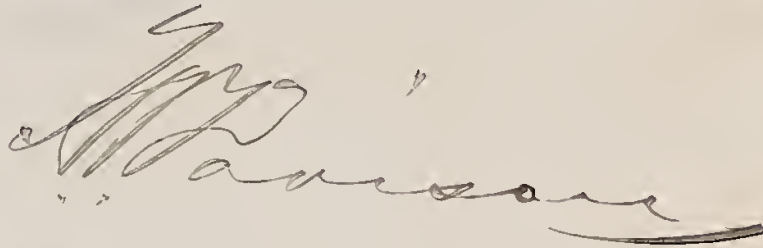
Dear Mr. Speer:

[Indeed it gives me very much pleasure to send you a card for the Parmachenee Club for yourself and friends. Permit me to say if you were to take all your friends that region would at last have become the most densely populated in this country. China would not be a marker to it. However, the card is for you and your friends and you will please take as many as you like. The Club is not flourishing as much financially as heretofore, due to several resignations and deaths, and Meadow Camp, which is 17 miles up from Wilson's Mills, is not being run by the Club except as the guides use it to take care of their parties. If you have your own guides they can put you up there. If you desire to arrange for any guides from the Parmachenee Club you will please communicate with Eugene Valence, Superintendent, Camp Caribou, Oxford Co., Me., and he will arrange for you and have the guides meet you where you wish. The usual place is at Wilson's Mills which, as you know, is on the lower Magalloway. I very much hope that you will go and have a fine time. There is no other country quite like it for me and I believe you would like it, too.]

We are quite settled at Black Rock and very enthusiastic over the move. Mrs. Davison is charmed with it in every way. We have a comfortable cottage and are enjoying the life thoroughly. We wish we might have you and Mrs. Speer up for a night, but as the probabilities are I will have to go to Europe next week on business I am afraid we cannot arrange it.

With kind regards, believe me

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mrs. Davison". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed closing "Very truly yours,".

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
c/o Board of Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

Dawson. J.

Edinburgh. Feb. 19

My dear Spencer

It was good of you to write me
soon after your return, in the midst of all
the heavy work you must have undertaken what
had accumulated during your absence. I can
find you little else than I find what it was
to me to get your letter and be made remem-
bered. The pleasure it was to you and to
me since the robbery of a heart so easy to
help and sympathize, brought back our visit by
the hallowed memories of those days and nights
at Northfield: and of the talks we had together.
Through all these scenes of my wanderings in
India and Australia and New Zealand, the
longing for what I went to Northfield for, has
never left me. Now, dear Spencer, I feel a more
useful, life of faith is mine now than it was
then - through much to me like you can I
in any way accept to state where in I

I am changed I know you will not feel I
am talking too much about myself. When I
tell you these things. Your influence and the
yearning to live in the "recollection" of Christ's
Presence which I received from you are the
things that remain of my time at Lentefield.
My life has been such a different thing out-
wardly from what I had looked forward to
before. Though I never wrote you again after 50.
last letter it was only because I got so
utterly cut off from the associations of the
past, in the camp-life at New Zealand; and
I just tho' I needed you. you did not need me.
but I have regularly prayed for you and regularly
read every word I do. got a hold of what you
had spoken. When I heard you were coming
to London. I wondered & prayed what you
might come to. feeling I must see you,
not for a moment thinking you would remem-
ber me. It was a cheer to me that I can

scarcely describe to feel your warm loving
gasp. and words of gladness at meeting.
and they remain with me, to strengthen me
and give me courage to go on. I followed you
with loving prayer through your tour and
across the ocean. and as you returned to
work wished that you might have been re-
freshed and strengthened by your visit. in spite of
all that you had to do. Daily it is with a
grateful heart I ask for you, and also I wish
that your heart may be kept in peace in
regard to those you love most. I shall miss
much. your eyes, fingers book "Remember
Jesus Christ" - it is so nice to have some-
thing of yours. and morning you call and I
will wish I had a valued one - except a photo
of you which I have some time. Is this asking
too much of you think so. forgive me and
believe it is the truest love I feel towards
you that wishes me no ceasing for this.

My business is very well in health - and I
think progresses steadily. but it seems so
slowly. When he was well, I did not so feel
my own inability to take a man's place in the
world: for I felt a vicarious pleasure and share
in his work: and now I feel often very eager to see
him again at work. It seems strange that his
illness should have given me my first assurance
for many years of being where God meant me to
be. I suppose my own breakdown in the winter
of 91-92. I have wandered from one place to
another, but have never had the assurance, either
relating to India, or to bush life. I was doing
God's will and not my own, but now that my
brother needs me, and I have got a little
work to do in the intervals of being with
him, my mind is at rest in regard to God's
work for me just now: and I feel how un-
willing it is to think of the future. May I tell
you, dear Spem, what keeps me back just now

from the resting in bed will last too long
to have, is that I am of the very ner-
vous about my work - typewriting. For 5
weeks I had nothing to do, just at Christmas
time. and now for the last 4 weeks I have
been very busy for me: and have had to
rush my work: to keep what had been sent.
Three weeks ago I fell and hurt my elbow &
since have had only the use of one hand
which keeps me back much. My elbow is still
swollen & very weak. but I hope will soon be
alright. Would you please for me in regard
to my work sometimes, for you say words that
sent a thrill of gladness through my heart.
that you want me to be sure I will be of use
remembered. The blood goes so much to my
head, that I am necessarily anxious about
every piece of work that comes to me, and the
click of my machine and the guide working
of hands and eyes gives me 1 minute

read aches: and yet I can't get anything
else that I can do at home: and I am used
to at home for my brother. I feel it a great
relief to tell someone about this: and I know
you will ask for me and not misunderstand.
If I were to speak of it here, my friends would
not see me well. Let you all far away
can help me by prayer: when you ask for me,
and the thought you know helps me. Will
you forgive this terribly selfish letter. I will
not do so again. Write so personally. Let
Somehow this time God drew it out the thought
that you said. And now I must close. I do
assure you of my continued prayers for you
and your work as Secretary, and the work
amongst the students, & that the London Con-
ference may bear much fruit. Dear Sister
please don't write soon for it makes me
ashamed to feel that you are so busy & yet
write. With remembrance & love for your letter
book. Love yrs. very affectionately
A. Dawson

Dawson, J.

45 George Street

25. June 1910

My dear Spencer.

I would like to thank
you for coming to see me: you - I know
you do not wish trouble and that
your generous mind and heart you
do not grudge the time you gave me
when I was, either in asking it or
in spending it as I did, very selfish.
Few things in my room have ^{been} more
to me during all these years than your
photo and to few things do I turn
so often in the times of depression and
specially then to the inscription you
wrote on one of your books which
you sent me. So often those words
'with the affectionate regards of his
friend' have rung in my ear since
I felt 'the struggle unrelaxing'

Home and give you strength for the calls upon you.
Even your affectionate friend
F. W. Dawson

and so much thank the good
God, who brought us into each other's lives,
for giving us the assurance that in
the days to come, sometimes across long
time and space that separates us
You will think you and ask that I
bear more brightly and bravely the
special little bit of 'hardness' in life that
has come to me in God's wisdom Now.
It was a very selfish interview (on my
part) and yet through it I trust to be
less strong for service work. That up
in my laboratory all day & after all even-
ing in my room here, few opportunities of
direct service come to me and yet I do.
I am be ready where they do. Please
do not try to find time again to see
me for I know how rushed you must
be and I am more than satisfied to
have met again in this so busy life
such a real fellow & grasped his hand.
God bless you in your work & give you

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APR 20 1914
Private
Mr. Speer.

DeCamp, Alice Giles
Seoul Korea (Chosen, Japan)

April 4th 1914

Not Mission Business -
if absent, please keep till return -

My dear Mr. Speer,

I am sure you will pardon and I trust understand my motive in writing to you on a very personal family matter, the object being that you may thus be enabled a little more effectively to help some of the many young students, lives in the formative stage, over whom you have such an influence through your public addresses, printed messages, and in many other ways.

When I was in Chicago speaking on India I met a sweet Christian lady of wealth whose daughter had been a Student Volunteer but in an Eastern College, Vassar I think, had just been swung off till she did not know whether she believed anything. Naturally the mother was much broken up about it. I do not know of later developments in that case but I write to tell you a little of another such life story that has just closed here below.

I think you did not know my only sister, Ellen, two years younger than myself. She was a bright girl, but very easily influenced by those around her, especially those whom she admired intellectually. Early her main ambition seemed to be "to be bright" while mine was "to be good" and there our ways began to part. Ellen joined the Church at 13 or 14, when I did and probably because

I did, did some S.S. teaching of a "corner class" of boys in a Mission S.S. and was, in a measure at least, interested in Christian things during her one year at Wellesley College and in the beginning of her course at Bryn Mawr. Then she came under agnostic and other harmful influences there, "free-love" literature even found its way to her room. The influence of one young instructor was particularly bad, Hodder, I think his name was. He, before he married his wife, talked her out of what religious beliefs she had. After a child was given them they tried, in vain fortunately, to shuffle it off into a convent orphanage or school, it disturbed the father (unworthy of the name) in his studies. Later he deserted his wife and two children and married some other woman, for money apparently, and then died of consumption. Think of such an one being placed to teach young minds philosophy! There was so much indignation at one time in Baltimore over the number of girls who had lost their faith at Bryn Mawr that I heard a sermon was even preached against the college in a church there. Being deeply troubled by what I saw of the sad effects in my sister's life and heard of similar effects in others, and learning that the trustees were Christian men, Quakers, and did not know of this state of affairs,

after consulting with Rev. H. Clay Trumbull, I went to one of them (entirely on my own responsibility, as I told him) and stated the situation. I think Dr. Trumbull gave me this trustee's name and address, neither of which I now remember except that he lived in one of the suburbs of Philadelphia reached by train. He thanked me, and a friend wrote me later that conditions at the College somewhat improved. I asked that if possible my name should not be mentioned, but was willing it should be if considered necessary. However Ellen heard of this promptly through Dean Thomas, who I understand also has no faith, and Ellen got my mother to send me away from home. This was all over-ruled by the Lord to set me entirely free to go to the foreign field, my Grandmother had given her consent and was in entire sympathy with me, like Dr. Trumbull.

Of Ellen's degrees from Bryn Mawr and abroad I do not care to speak - they seem to me the price of blood. I shall not go into details, simply a word or two to indicate the course of this shipwrecked life. In, I think, the last ^{letter} I ever received from my sister some 16 years ago, in which she closed the correspondence,

she succeeded at the "Brotherly love doctrines taught at the
Moody Institute", which I had attended, and spoke of
herself as living in an altogether different and higher
world from myself. My poor mother did not have the
courage to oppose or restrain her in anything, and her
daughter has led her an increasingly sad life. The
poor child was born with a very nervous temperament,
hysterical tendency, etc., of late years all this has steadily
grown worse, she sometimes having violent fits of
hysterical insanity. A physician who knew her
gave his opinion recently that her insanity has been
apparently for the most part due to the utter lack of
restraint under which she has been brought up. I
feel sure, too, that true Christian faith, with all that
that means of comfort, peace, joy, love, guidance,
self-restraint - and victory would have largely corrected
the difficulties. As it was, after some months before
having driven her mother away, who had sacrificed
everything - even principles to her, and having had quarrels
with an Italian she was supposed to be engaged to,
all alone that life went out in darkness and despair,
& fear! She put a bullet through her heart, alone in
her room. This occurred Jan. 15th in Sassari, Sardinia -
Phila. & New York papers reported the tragedy on the 17th - 19th.

Possibly you saw the accounts -

I am so thankful we do not need to judge, and that He who does is all-wise and love itself. The only crumb of comfort besides this, is that the pre-natal conditions, which were peculiar, must largely exculpate, I shudder to think what might have become of me if I had had those handicaps.

Why do I write of this to you? Because I feel impelled to plead with you to do all in your power to save other young lives from a similar fate, and to help educators and parents to a right-sane attitude in view of the great vital, eternal soul questions involved. I wish that trustee also might have his attention called to the way in which this sad case ended, possibly you know him or can discover him and accomplish this in some wise way. I have prayed about the matter and I am sure it is not cowardice, I am willing to suffer again personally but I felt clear that I ought not to try to write to him myself because I must avoid anything that might further alienate my Mother, I must try to win her back not only to myself but to her Lord.

May I tell you one more true story that our dear Grace Wilder told me and that impressed me very much? You may be able to use it.

Her father and a friend of his were both leading bright-men in their College class, and considerable interest - was felt by their friends as to what life work they would choose. When Mr. Wilder decided to become a foreign missionary great disappointment was felt, as it was thought he was throwing himself away. His friend decided that the law offered a suitable opportunity in which his talents might - shine. The friends corresponded. The lawyer rapidly rose to prominence and wealth and married a beautiful woman. After a while the letters from the U. S. ceased. On his return on furlough Mr. Wilder enquired about his former class-mate and friend and learned that after a while the tide turned, reverses came, his beautiful wife died, he went down and down, till finally, without the anchor of faith in his trials he took his own life. So again as ever the life that chose for self went out in darkness and barrenness, and the buried seed is bearing rich increasing fruitage in India and other parts of the world. ✓

I will just - add a few words about-ourselves. God has entrusted to us to train for him four beautiful and most promising children, two boys and two girls, Allen Ledyard, Eleanor Main, Edward Otto, and our baby Grace Wilder, who I trust will grow up to be like her sweet-samesake. They range from 5½ years to 17 months old. They speak both Korean and English, - this with their acquaintance with this people and Mission work, will, we hope, help them all to become foreign missionaries, our highest ambition for them.

For a year and a half I looked after a small orphanage, to enable a couple of English ladies much needing a rest to go on furlough, but since then my time has been wholly taken up at home with our own children. I have found very little time for regular study of the language, I have just picked up a little orally, but I am still living in hope of doing more with it.

Until this year Mr. De Camp has mainly taught English in Presbyterian Institutions here, so liberating in a measure some who could do the vernacular work, but now most of his time is given to editing "The

Korea Mission Field". If you are not receiving it already I will mail you a sample copy as I think you and others would like to subscribe for it. My husband has also for three successive years been elected Pastor of "The Union Church" of Seoul, composed almost entirely of the large number of Missionaries, Pres. and Methodist - mainly, of this city. The men mostly taking turns in preaching and in leading the prayer-meetings, but Mr. De Camp, besides taking his turn, fills in gaps and arranges the schedules of meetings, and there is considerable pastoral work to be done among a very needy class of foreigners, business men. He also teaches a weekly Bible Class at the Japanese Y. M. C. A.

These three and a half years in Korea have been busy and happy ones. Please pray for us, our children and for the work.

I am sending this letter out of the country by a friend, as I do not care to have it read in the P. O. here.

Please remember I hope Mrs. Spear and your children are well. Mr. De Camp wants to be kindly remembered.

✓ May God bless you more and more in your service for Him.

Believe me,
Very sincerely yours,
✓ Alice Giles De Camp.

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OCT 14 1908

Mr. Spear.

~~Deems, Mrs. E. M.~~

~~Hornell, N. Y.~~

Oct. 12, 1908.

Mr. Robert E. Spear, —

Dear Mr. Spear —

We all have occas-
ion to be sufficiently dis-
couraged by our evident
failure to accomplish
that for which we have la-
bored. Once in a while
it is a help to learn from
some unexpected quarter
that our labor is not un-

This is my only motive in sending you the enclosed letter received this morning. If it is an intrusion please pardon it. But do not take a moment of your busy time to reply.

With sincere appreciation of the help you have already seen to two of our boys,

Very sincerely yours,
Mrs. E. M. Deems.

fruitful. I know - it
is because you long to
help our boys beset with
dangers and impelled to
wrong by forces which they
cannot understand, that
you spend these days at
Lawrenceville and Hill and
other schools. I want you to
know that you do help and
that there are fathers and
mothers who appreciate
and boys who love you
and do not dare to tell

Dennis, James S.

Keene Valley

Essex Co., N. Y.

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Mr. Speer.

July 22 - 1910

Dear Dr. Speer,

Your presence at Edinburgh was invaluable, & the service you were able to render was delightfully grand. As for the recognition, we had you on the honor roll long ago, but the American Colleges & Universities have been unaccountably slow in seating you. Edinburgh sized you up all right, and everybody wonders why it was left to the brainy Scotchmen to cap you.

The Conference must have been marvellous, & God's benediction was surely upon it. He was there in a sense

Which was very real, & now
that we are sure of that
fact, we cannot & must not
let Him go. He has given
us a sign that He is willing
to keep the Church of Today in
its work for this generation.
Let us cling to Him, & let us
do our part.

We are getting on nicely here.
Mrs. Dennis has improved
& this Adirondack air seems
to agree with her.

We both join in love to you
& Mrs. Speer. Let her to
accept her full share of
the congratulations.

Yours most sincerely
James S. Dennis

Deringer, Mrs. P.
Monday 4/27/14

Mrs P Deringer 4165 W 164th St city

my Dear Mr Speer
as you will see
by my signature I am Anna
Deringers Mother

I understand
that Miss Hoerth has left your
office

I know that my daughter
counts it the most desirable
object of her active life to
get back again to work in the
board

it would also be a great
joy to me to have my

Daughter back again in your
office most respectfully

J H Deringer

P S

I hope you will consider
this strictly confidential
as my daughter does not
know that I am writing to you
if you will kindly favor me
with an answer may I ask
you to address it to

Mrs P Deringer of

Mrs W Greaser 47 Andover
ark
city

De Ronde (?), Franz S.

New York, May 8, 1906

My dear Mr. Spear,

I want you to know that your talk over at the Traneck Chapel the other night, did a lot of good to at least one man, while I am sure no one could have listened to your appeal without personal benefit. I can only speak for myself, I have lived almost half my life and only within the past few months have I awakened to really find what life is, and the best thing in it. I have lived a miserable sinful life for which I am now paying, (or rather others are for me) but I am almost happy, in the joys I have found; your words encouraged me so much you gave me new strength to go on with my struggle I felt a better and stronger man when I went home with my dear loyal faithful wife. I can't write you just what I would like to say, but I should like oh so much to see you some time and have a talk.

Sincerely yours,

Franz S. De Ronde

Dilworth, H. P.
Sierra Madre Cal.

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Mr. Robert E. Spear,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Spear:-

I wish to write
you a brief word of gratitude
for the addresses which I
had the privilege of hearing
you deliver in Los Angeles.
Your address at the inaug-
uration of John Willis Baer
was magnificent. It was
indeed an inspiration to
hear so high a standard
of morality set forth with
such splendid emphasis;
and to hear, in these days of

of Christ upon our lives which you gave at Immanuel Church Sunday morning. But what impressed me most and what will longest be an inspiration is the glimpse of your personality which I received.

I know there are many men whose hand you have never grasped but whose lives you have touched and who will long remember you with gratitude.

It seems to me that to you more than to any other man I have known has been given the message that is so much needed. May God be able to use you still more abundantly.

Sincerely and gratefully yours

H. P. Dilworth, Cal.
Sierra Madre,

H. P. Pillsbury, Cal.
Sierra Madre,

timidity, hesitation and doubt -
such a ringing positive note
on the subject of religion.

It brought me much com-
fort - to feel that - here was
a man, the intellectual peer
of any man, whose knowl-
edge and life gave him au-
thority to speak and whose
faith remains absolutely un-
shaken. It was like a
breath of air from the Eter-
nal Hills in the midst of
the miasmatic atmosphere
in which we live. You
will laugh at my exuber-
ance but - I almost felt like
shouting from pure joy.

I shall long remember the
clear analysis of the influence

Dixon, John
12/31/-

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My dear Mr. Speer
Often your words have brought
me a cheer & inspiration for which I cannot be
too grateful. Today you helped me as never
before & I thank Him for you.

Cordially
John Dixon

Dec 31.

Dodge, Elizabeth W.

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January 14, 1911.

My dear Mr. Speer,
When I tried to thank you
yesterday for your wonderful help in
the closing hours of our conference,
I found it impossible to tell you how
grateful we all were to you. Your mes-
sage was just what we all needed before
leaving. I know this, not only for myself,
but because of what so many of the
delegates said after your address. I am
so thankful that we were able to have such
a spiritual and practical talk from
you as the final inspiration to take back
with us to our Christian Association work.
On behalf of the Territorial Committee
and all the delegates, I thank you most
heartily, and assure you that we greatly
appreciate your kindness in giving
us so much of your time and thought.
Very sincerely and gratefully yours,
Elizabeth W. Dodge.

Dodge, Grace

11/19/06

262 MADISON AVENUE

~~WMA~~

My dear Mr. Speer:

Mrs. Speer was good enough to send to me the booklet containing your valuable address given at the Evangelical Association of New England, and I want to thank you for it. It helped me, and I shall hope to use the booklet for our special Association work.

I am so glad that you are to be with us on Wednesday afternoon the 5th of December.

Sincerely yours,

Grace Dodge

November the nineteenth.

Dodge (?), Grace

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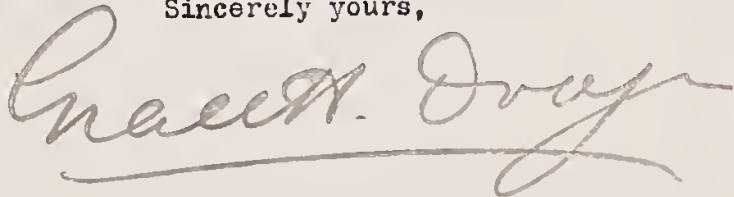
Mr. Robert E. Speer,
Home Missions Board, City.

My dear Mr. Speer:

May I thank you more than heartily for all that you have given to us in the message of last Wednesday evening. Just such inspiring words encourage and help the ladies, and it is going to mean a great deal for them to have your thoughts to carry home.

Once more expressing thanks,
believe me,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Grace Dodge". The signature is written in dark ink and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

December 4, 1906.

Dole, Chas, F.

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MR. SPEER.

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31 BEACON STREET, BOSTON, November 5, 1906

Robert E. Speer,

New York City, N.Y.:

Dear sir:

It is hoped that you will kindly permit your name to be used in approval of the accompanying circular, which we expect to publish in the religious and other papers of the United States.:

We enclose stamp for return postage, and hope you will give us your permission in an early reply.:

We are asking for the approval of all those whose names are given on the enclosed list.:

Yours sincerely,

Samuel C. Bushnell

Charles F. Dole

James L. Tryon

by

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Dorris, Julia

3/2/11

401 PENN STREET
HUNTINGDON, PA.

My dear Rob

This is a very tardy acknowledgment of your kind letter of sympathy, which I gladly appreciated and meant to tell you so at the time. We feel the need of friends when the home circle is broken, and Anne, Mary, and I want you to know that

you helped us by your
thoughtfulness.

What you said is so true
that you are never prepar-
ed for the death of ones
owed even though you
realize that you cannot
have them much longer,
as it was in our case.

It makes me know the
more what a heartbreak-
ing shock the death of
your little girl must have
been to you and your
wife. It took tremendous
courage to go on. I know,

when that young life left
you, it was just taking a
part of yourself for however
dear each one of your other
children is to you, that child's
place can never be filled in
your heart. It is only people
who do not understand the
wonderful individuality in
a family of children who think
that possible.

With kindest regards to you
both believe me

Very sincerely
Julia Dorris

March 2, 1911

Dow, Fayette B.

Uveron, N. J.

Jul. 17, 1908

My dear Mr. Speer:-

How are you, and Mrs. Speer and the children? I wanted to get out to see you before we left New York, but as I had to leave 2 days after examinations it was impossible - I trust that Margaret and Elliott finished their school work in good health and that you all are enjoying the upbuilding of the summer. Your vacation, I presume, comes in August, and if so, you have probably joined New York very hot in June and July.

My own year was by far the
most cramped of any that I
have undertaken and I was
very fortunate to get through
it without any interruption
of any kind. Our work involved
a great amount of reading,
and this, with some outside
work, made every day full
to its limit. Unless carried
too far I think a large
amount of work is a distinct
advantage. For that is the way
the boundaries of capacity are
pushed out. I tried to keep
the mark of Christian work high

also and ~~the~~ Sundays were quite
as busy as week days. I came
in for some criticism as a result
of this by friends who argued
that Sunday was appointed for
physical rest, but I felt that
the work was quite as important
as the other and I did not
want to postpone it to an indefinite
future.

While I am on this subject
it is in my mind to say a word
about my own choice of a pro-
fession. I know it was a dis-
appointment to you when I decided
not to take up religious work
as such, but while it has been

dear to me for several years
that I must try to do God's
work wiled way, & taking
up of religious work as a profession
has never seemed to me the
best course. But I do not
wish you to feel on that account
that I am outside. I remember
of those who would make
God's will prevail. God has
chosen to come into my life,
bringing, as he must always,
great good, and I see facts,
as you say, driving out much
that was a glass & rid of. That
has been the supreme experience
of my life, and in the light of it,

I want to help make known
His great, whitening, love. It must
seem hard to understand, looking
at it ~~why~~ ^{for you} you do, ~~for~~ ^{why} one who knows
his experience, ~~to~~ ^{should} want to busy
his mind with legal problems.
I confess that I feel his hin-
dations sometimes and I know
his chance that is one of being
buried in the lower ranks, doing
cheerless work. But there are
pitfalls either way — there
are limitations either way.
and I have made my choice
and am doing my preparatory
work in the hope that there will
be given me an opportunity of

Exerting my influence,
great or small, for what is true
and of good report.

I came down here to
spend part of the summer
as usual, tutoring - This time
with a boy whom I worked with
last winter, a younger brother
of a fellow I taught at Hartford -
On August 15 I expect to go to
Rochester for five weeks.

It has proved a delightful
change from the winter's routine.
Our days, except for smattering
in the morning, are spent out
of doors, and I feel that it

is a great privilege to be able
to approach another year's
work so renewed in body and
mind. My boy and I have
been reading L. Owen Conroy
- it is just finished, and
I am very much pleased.
I hope to reread it until some of its
spirit is caught permanently.

Please give my kindest
regards to Mrs. Speer and
Ellen and Margaret.

Sincerely,
your friend
Lafayette B. Dow

July 17, 1908

Dugan, George

COLLINGWOOD AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Mr Robert E. Speer
New York, N.Y.

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Mr. Speer.

My dear Speer:

Just a word or
two of grateful appreciation
of your service here on Saturday
last. It seems to me that
the whole thing was the Lord's
doing and we are every one
rejoicing in the glorious
results that are already
visible & yet to appear.

Could come to our annual
men's Banquet in Oct. or
Nov. - say on Friday and
stay over Sunday.

Great things could be
done here under an
arrangement of this kind.
Trust that the Lord
may open the way for
your coming to us then
we will have large delegation
at Phila. etc.

Hastily but truly yours
Geo. Bryan

Our Clerk of Session counted the
men at the evening meeting
and reports 587-

Our Sexton counted the women
at the afternoon Conference
& stopped counting at 350
in order that he might
go for more chairs.

But more than numbers
we are rejoicing in the
manifest beginning of fresh
& wholesome interest in
the doing of God's will.

Will you kindly keep
in mind our plans for
the fall. With you

Dulles, J.

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Mr. Speer.

PRINCETON, N. J. Dec. 29, 1911

My dear Dr. Speer:-

In reply to yours of the 26th I would say that I have sent you today the Biographical Catalogue of 1909, in which you will find also the leaflet, showing the living foreign missionaries who are alumni of Princeton Seminary.

As to the ten or twenty leading home missionary alumni,

but I would suggest that you might get from the Home Board the names of their most efficient missionaries and check them off in the index of the Biographical Catalogue sent you. Of course, Sheldon Jackson leads them.

As to books on Mysticism, I suppose you want them in English. There are not ten good ones. ~~Indeed/there/it~~ I think you can get all you need from the following, which I give in the order of their importance, as it seems to me.

- 1. Jones, R.M.- Studies in mystical religion. Lond. 1909.
- 2. Vaughan, R.A.- Hours with the mystics. N.Y. Scribners. 1895. 2 vols.
- Du Prel, C.- The philosophy of mysticism. 2 vols. Lond. 1888
- Tulloch, John- Rational theology and Christian philosophy in England in the 17th century. Vol. I, pp. 303-409. Lond. 1872
- Lillie, A.- Modern mystics and modern magic. N.Y. 1894.
- Martensen, H.L.- Jacob Boehme, his life and teaching. Lond. 1885.
- Storrs, R. St. Bernard of Clairvaux. N. Y. 1892
- Jordan, H.R.- Pascal. Lond. 1909.

You will find further material in the following:

- Hagenbach- Hist. of the Church in 18th and 19th centuries. N.Y. 1809
- Benn, A.W.- History of English reationalism. ^{in 19th cent.} 2 vols. N.Y. 1905
- Ueberweg, F.- History of philosophy. N.Y. 1876.
- History and life of John Tauler. N.Y. 1907

See also articles sub voce in new Encycl. Britannica, the McClintock & Strong encycl. and the new Schaff-Herzog.

Yours truly

J. H. Dulles

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PRINCETON, N. J.

By the way:-

We wish to invite to the centennial of the Seminary
all evangelical theological schools in foreign fields. Could you
not have sent me a list of those under the care of our Foreign
Board?

How can I get the names of those under other Boards?

Sincerely,

J. H. Dulles

J. H. Dulles

P. G. Jones

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Duncan, Margaret E.

January 22. 1908.

Dear Mr. Speer,

I hope you will pardon
the liberty I am taking, but I can-
not refrain from writing to tell you
how keenly I appreciated the priv-
ilege of listening to your address
of last Sunday evening in Dr. Stevenson's
Church. Sermons do not always stay
with me but that one I remember,
it seems, almost word for word.
It was hard for me to keep from

which I shall always keep as a great treasure. I take her out of her hiding-place sometimes and she reminds me of happy days.

I am still with the Corporation Council of the Telephone Company, and while every one is most kind to me, I think with deep longings of the days (truly blessed days) when I worked for you. Yes, down there amidst the hurry and bustle of the great throbbing business world, I think of those three years as a queen's exile, suitably. But we must shoulder our duty or burden where we find it.

I hope Miss Dickie is progressing with her work at Ningpo. How advantageous her years of preparation at the Board must be proving now. I must come in and get a copy of the Foreign Report soon to see what my friends, the Presby. missionaries, are doing now. I often wonder what they have done at Hamadan and in Fiske Seminary.

But I am thoughtless - taking up your valuable time. But I took this occasion to write for I must seem very indifferent in never calling to see those whose kindness I shall never forget.

With kindest remembrances to Mrs. Spurr,

Very sincerely yours,

Margaret C. Driscoll.

104 N. 29th St.

going up the aisle after the service
just to shake hands, but I knew you
had many other things to do. I so
often try to get over to the Boardroom
but my time is limited - still since
I left I have often had the pleasure
of hearing ^{about} you through a friend who
is down at Princeton - and who admires
you so. He showed me your photo
in a group of Y. M. C. A. men in
Bric-a-Brac not long ago.

I trust Mrs. Speer is very well
and also little Elliot and Margaret.
May I say that I learned through one
of the Board workers, that the Master
had gathered dear little Elvior to His fold.
You cannot tell how grieved I was for
I loved your Baby very dearly. I remember
her so well. Won't you please tell little
Margaret that I still have her Dolly

Durand, H. W. ?

Washington

Dec. 28. 1903

Dear Mr. Sprue

I received last night your letter of the 24th November, communicating the very kind message sent to me by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

I shall be much obliged

if you will express to the Board my most hearty thanks. It is a real pleasure to me to know that they are satisfied at my appointment.

As to the American missionaries in Persia I feel that I owe them a debt of gratitude which I can never discharge. They did more for me and my English people than I can possibly explain

to the Board. They gave us our Sunday services, and comforted our sick and dying, and buried our dead. We went to them for every kind of help, and with the certainty of receiving from them at all times the most warmhearted self sacrificing kindness. Only those who have lived in such far away countries know what that means.

Your Board may, and should,
be proud of their missionaries,
for a more devoted and at the
same time a more broad minded
tolerant set of men it would be
hard to find!

Many thanks for your personal
congratulations. I hope we
may meet again some day,
and before long -

Yours sincerely

Wm Duward

Durand, H.W.

BRITISH EMBASSY,

WASHINGTON.

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MR. SPEER.

Dear Mr. Speer

I have received
your letter of the 6th Jan^y.

I have no objection
to the publication of my
letter of the 28th December.

Could you tell me
Mr. Eselstyn's address?
yours very truly

H.W. Durand

Edwards, Boyd

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 MR. SPEER.

My dear Mr. Speer

The excitement of Mrs. having known an apt and moving quotation you had not long since used nearly upsets me, and I never will enough to send it to you. and am happy indeed to be of any service. May I be permitted to say, because you have so entirely commended it and it is so sincere, that I have never used it or recalled it without thinking of yourself. You have always been a bulwark & beacon combined to me

Cordially

Boyd Edwards

UNITED STATES LEGATION

SANTIAGO, CHILE

~~Letter~~
Personal

Egall (?) Patrick
Santiago August 27th 1892

My Dear Doctor Davies,

As you are aware I am about to leave in a few days for a visit to "Gods country" but before going I deem it a duty to write you a line to thank you for the brave, bold manly support which you have always given to this Legation, and to me personally, during the trying times through which we have passed in the last two years.

When the Legation was menaced, when the bravest of our naval officers were defamed and insulted in the press, when the United States uniform was attacked in the streets of Valparaiso and our sailors mercilessly felled and wounded, when our nationality was assailed in every way and when some mongrels who call themselves Americans, in order to serve their personal interests, either sneaked out of sight or joined the other side you stood firm as a rock and were ever ready to defend your country and its representatives.

For the firm stand you maintained under these circumstances, as well as for your sterling qualities as a man, your patriotism as a true American, your goodness of heart and your constant and self-sacrificing devotion to works of Christian charity I esteem and honor you as one of nature's noblemen; and I shall ever highly prize the cordial friendship with which you have honored me.

Praying that God may grant you very very

many long years of health and happiness
I remain.

my dear Doctor,

Yours very sincerely
Patrick Gall

Doctor C. B. Davies

Plaza Anibal Pinto
Valparaiso

OCT 26 1898

Ellinwood,
Laura H.

McCombs

Mr. Speer

October 24th

My dear Mr. Speer
If I wrote a
volume I could
not sufficiently thank
you for the beautiful
address you made
at my dear father's

Funeral - Every word
that you spoke felt
like balm on our
son's heart, and it
is a great comfort
to us to realize
that we have it
in black and white
thanks to Miss Gerritt's
kindness, to keep
always. And

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Ellinwood, Laura

Cornwall Conn.

Mr. Speer.

My dear Mr. Speer.

Now that I am a
little stronger, I want, ^{to} at-
tempt - at least, to express
to you, among the very first,
my heartfelt appreciation,
and gratitude for your
noble and beautiful tribute
to my husband's life and
character. It is impossi-
ble to express, what it was

and it to me, and my
copy of it, will always be
among my most cherished
possessions. The whole
service was beautiful,
uplifting comforting, and
it will always be ~~to~~ ~~me~~ a
beautiful memory.

You know my husband's
love for you, it seemed to us
like David's love for Jonathan.

He said many times to
me, "one of the best things I
ever did, was my share in

Ellinwood, F. F.

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MADISON SQUARE BRANCH,
P. O. BOX, No. 2

New York, Feb 13th 1903

My dear Mr Speer
I fear I am hors de combat for tomorrow
with a heavy cold, so I will have to call upon
you to help me out in the Board meeting -
Miss McMillan will give you the minutes which
I drew & which we passed - The Brazil appropriation,
passed some time since, ^{for the circulation of the two Christian papers} should be reconsidered & so
changed as to give \$250. to the two missions instead
of \$250 to each - It had escaped my notice - I think
Dr von der Burgh's case may wait until we consider
the question whether we can send him to any
position in North China & whether in any case it
would be safe - North China has not proved
favorable to pulmonary troubles, Van Schrick, Lane
Lomic, ^{for a time} & Inglis are cases in point - I send you
a minute concerning the death of Mrs Johnson
& also one for Mr Kingsley, please ask Miss Mc-
Millan to copy them as they are patched -
[I hope Dr Booth will not try to urge the Board
to give Dr Heaver a free office in the Building, if I
were present - I should oppose it - It is a mistake

That the Presbytery has laid the Building under
obligation, it has never done a thing -
In memorial times we tried to get the Presbytery &
the Churches to provide a Presbyterian building as
their memorial offering, one small church
under the influence of Mr. a Borth subscribed
a small amount, but neither the Presbytery nor
any other Church responded, & the one collection was
spent for something else - Our Presb. buildings 23 Centre St
12th & 20th - It were all provided by individual gifts
of a few. No pastor in New York outside of the Board
with one exception has given a penny to our present
debt, no church has taken a collection, nor has a
Presbytery given a word of endorsement. The general
sentiment in that body has been adverse. I believe,
but there is another objection to granting free rooms,
1st if we begin with the N. Y. Presbytery the stated clerk of
the Synod may demand free quarters, the Presbytery
of Westchester may want free committee rooms, ditto,
Brooklyn, Newark, Morris & Orange. The other Boards
may demand branch offices free. But there is a
more cogent objection, this, the Synod Assembly dis-
posed of this whole subject by delegating the whole
business of the Building to the 2 Boards, making them
responsible for a business like & therefore safe
financial policy. The full expectation was that
they would endeavor to make the Building

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MADISON SQUARE BRANCH,
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OFFICE OF SECRETARY.

New York,.....

pay its way, & it never intended that every Presb.
interest should have authority to demand free
quarters & thus thwart the very thing it was intended
to promote - There is a more sacred obligation in-
volved in the case, feeling that they had full financial
control of the two Boards, through their Committees have
promised to all subscribers to the Debt - that their
gifts therefor shall be regarded as endowments
whose interests shall accrue to the ^{current} Missionary
work. We have already & in advance consecrated
all possible surplus to the mission work at
home & abroad & are pledged to guard our surplus
for that object & now to allow the N. Y. Presbytery
to divert \$500 a year in the form of a fee office
see to rob the whole church & all ^{its} the missions -
These promises that have been made to donors, have
laid upon the Boards the duty of guarding these
funds most sacredly, & if at any future time when
all the debts are paid there should be a turning
over of Presbytery's & other Boards & Committees into
the Mission Building & thus indirectly absorbing all
surplus, it would be a violation of good faith &

a virtual robbery - It may be politic to reduce the
rent to the Presbytery, but there is no duty in
the case & ~~there~~ a free rental would be a wrong
in perpetuity -

Affectionately Yours -

F. J. Ellwood -

Ellinwood, F.F.

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MR. SPEER

The Hill - Augusta Georgia

The Dear Mr. Speer,

I thank you for your two good letters. I learn more from them than from all other sources put together of what is going on in the Board, and in the Presbyterian Church.

I was sorry for the crookedness discovered in the Mexico Mission. There have been two or three other cases in the past, one of them a notable instance of depravity in our leading missionary. There has always been honor, a wholesome counterbalance of conscience, and real worth in the Mission, which

Have come to the rescue, and
turned disaster into blessing.
So will it be now.

I was glad of your
extended & interesting tour on
the Pacific Coast. Events of the
last year have shown that in
religion, & still more in politics
California must be held in close
& vital union with the best-
sentiment & character of the
Atlantic Slope. The most notable
example, ^{of this need} is seen in the whole-
sale bribery & corruption
of city officials & business cor-
porations, by Abraham Ruef
& others. The Anti-Japanese

movement presents only one
phase of the Oriental problem
that now confronts us. Not
only is this hostile sentiment

likely to create an inimical
feeling toward all Americans,
but it will stimulate Japan
to multiply her moral resources.
It points to a time when
in business spheres, both China
& Japan will defy the com-
petition of American com-
merce, both on land and sea.

Their more frugal habits,
and better economy of ex-
penditure, will enable them to
drive our swarms of transporta-
tion off the Pacific.

I am glad of the
appointment of Stanley White.
I think he will fit in admini-
strably. Few of our young men
equal him in high moral
tone, or in general & cultivated

compatibility. It seems impos-
sible that nearly a year has
past since I presented my
resignation. I could hardly
have expected to survive till
the present time, for really it
is with me a process of gradual
decay; I may say of death.
Being now utterly helpless, &
having that so much vitality
remains.

Recurring once more
to the Japanese problem, I
recently read "Bushido" which
you doubtless have seen. It is
an able book, and has a show-
able argument for those who
are not thoroughly conver-
sant with the whole question.
I appreciate the feudal code
of honor which characterizes

the military power and the
heroic spirit of Japan. But
the credit which this Uni-
versity Professor accords is
excessive. I felt, while read-
ing it, a wish that you
would write a review. Not
covering the same ground
exhaustively, but pointing out
the significance of certain
admissions made by the
author himself. Especially
in the last two chapters, where
in it is made very clear that
Bushido can never trans-
form and uplift the mass-
es. And secondly, that it
is showing already its in-
ability to face & control the

commercial spirit - of the
20th Century - It can never
become a missionary cause
- base. Already the spirit
of scientific enquiry and
the alertness of Japanese
commercial enterprises are
accomplishing more than
the feudal pride of the mil-
itary class.

We are expecting to
remain here thro' the month
of April, stopping in New York
only two or three days on
our way to Cornwall.

As to climate we
have had a beautiful win-
ter, and have been much
more comfortable than we

could have been at the same
expense in or near New York.

I will let you know
later when we will probably
be in New York.

With my best love
to all my friends in the
mission world,

Affectuately Yrs
H. F. Ellwood

April 1st.

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MR. SPEER

My dear Mr. Speer,

Ellinwood, F. F.
Cornwall, Conn.

My obligations for your
great-kindness are cumulative.

And lately, they have been heaped
up, like coals of fire on my head.

I cannot wage the plea-^{'too busy'}
for I am utterly ^{but-}useless; my family
by whose help I carry on correspondence
have been occupied, and wearied by
the cares and labor of getting settled.

Thank you heartily for giving
me so much information in regard
to the affairs of the Board, and the
Church at-large. I have read with

brethren toward me

I congratulate you upon the great honor of the Scotch appointment! What you may say in those lectures will find an historic setting worthy the very highest and noblest ambitions.

I most highly approve of the plan you are forming in the adjustment of the Secretaryships. You know I have always favored a distribution of ^{the} mission fields, in order that the opportunities and influence of each Secretary may subserve the whole great work at home and abroad. He should be a complete link of communication between the church, and the mission force at the front. A foreign

interest every thing that I could find
about the Assembly, and the noble
service which you rendered there.

Evidently it was a Foreign Missionary
Assembly, and our church is fast
becoming a Missionary Church.

This morning, good Dr Phrazer,
prompted by you, sends me a copy
of the Assembly's action expressing
sympathy for me, in my infirmity
and decline, and its appreciation
of the supposed service which I may
have rendered to Foreign Missions.

I am so sensible of shortcomings
that any commendation increases
my self rebuke; still I appreciate
most highly the kindly sentiments of

correspondent, and administrator
if excused from all share in su-
perindulging home interest, and raising
friends, will become academic and
diplomatic; while the Home Secre-
tary will feel handicapped, and
subordinated, and will grow weary
of the monotony of his narrow sphere.

The local delimitation of the
Forward Movement, into the Eastern
Central and Western Sections, would
render it more difficult than ever
for the representative of the New York
field to discover how the functions
of the Home Secretary differed from
his own. A distribution according
to the different kinds of work, may
be very wisely made, and this is
what you have done, with respect-

to Dr Kelsey, and Dr White.

I shall be interested in seeing the practical allotment of work to the Cumberland Secretary -

What a great, complicated and sublime enterprise, has the Divine Providence entrusted to you, and your Associates. I have confidence in ^{its} success, because divinely directed.

Your very last letter, with its statement of the Boards action in appointing me Secretary Emeritus, has touched me, has touched us all, very deeply. The question of accepting my resignation, was very kindly and considerately handled, and the course marked out for

for the future, is all that I could wish - I am sending to Dr Alexander an expression of my gratitude to the Board, for its great kindness to me, past, present, and prospective.

The 23rd and 103rd Psalms have been exemplified, and verified, in my case. I feel that I do not go down into the dark valley comfortless and alone. I am glad that you strengthen my hope of seeing you in Cornwall. By all means select a time, any time will suit us, and then, build a copper dam around it; that it be not swept away, by any rushing tide of engagements. Summer has

greeted us at length, and all of the loveliness of June surrounds us, and awaits your coming.

[Day after tomorrow I shall, if spared, complete my nine times nine]

Affectionately Yours

F. F. Ellinwood.

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THE NEXT REVIVAL.

BY THE REV. JOHN WATSON, D. D.

It is given to us, however, to read the signs of the times, and to understand the spirit of our age. When we are looking for a revival we ought to settle in our minds what kind is likely to happen so that we may be ready to meet it. In one sense every revival has a common likeness, for it means the awakening of faith and love; in another sense each revival has its own likeness. Nothing can be called a revival which does not bring men into the fellowship of God and move them to the service of their fellowmen, but no two revivals have reached this end by the same means. The prophet of one has been very unlike the prophet of another. The truth used in one has not been the moving truth in another, nor the works following taken the same direction. Is it not possible that under the influence of the Evangelical movement we may have formed a conventional idea of the necessary character of a revival, and the way in which it should come to pass—that the doctrine to be preached should be that of the Atonement, that the effect should be individual conversion, that the means should be large meetings with the machinery of inquiry-rooms, penitential forms, open professions, and such like, and that after this fashion only the spring will come?

It may be well to remind ourselves that it is now a considerable time since we have seen this kind of revival, and that certain of its lentines were new in religious work. Its last appearance was during what Professor Smith, in his "Life of Henry Drummond," calls "the great mission of 1872 to 1873," when Drummond became an evangelist, and thousands of young men were converted to the service of Christ who have remained steadfast unto this day. Many have hoped that during the last thirty years this great effect would be repeated, but we ought to face the fact that it has not, neither by Mr. Moody on later visits nor by any of his distinguished successors. Large audiences have sometimes been gathered, but that does not mean very much, if you have elaborate machinery—in the way of committees, singers and skilful advertising, a large body of pious people in every city and racy, popular speakers. As every one knows, the evangelist of to-day depends upon the regular ministry for securing him an audience, and it is simply the most religious people from our congregations whom he addresses; withdraw from him the people who have been trained week by week by their ministers in faith and good works, and leave him to obtain his audience from the regions beyond, and he would have an empty hall. His place is, I think, quite distinct in the service of the Church, and his function of interesting and stimulating our good people is most valuable, but as regards the general community the evangelist, I submit, is a spent force, and his peculiar methods are obsolete. Special services were held recently for a whole winter in Glasgow without any marked effect. The Free Church Council of England organized a mission over the whole country, but without any national result. From time to time one hears of new schemes of a gigantic nature, and new speakers of great power, and one wishes well to any effort on the side of righteousness, but so far as one can see, if a revival is to come in our time, it will be from some unexpected quarter, and after some fresh fashion.

I suggest one may gather what the message of the next revival will be from the spirit of the age, which we ought to believe is more or less the Spirit of God. If one were asked to mention the difference in standpoint between our generation and that of the middle Victorian period, he might safely point to the change from individualism to collectivism. The old principle of every man for himself is dying out from national politics, from the life of society, and is bound to die out from religion. There was a day when a preacher could appeal to his hearer and awaken his heart to praise because God had saved him while thousands had been left to perish, but to-day the hearer would firmly suspend his praise for his own salvation till he knew what was going to become of other people. No longer does a man think that the great effort of life should be, as the Romans say, "to make his soul," but rather that it should be to help his brethren both in soul and in body. Dying people of, say, 1850 were solely concerned with the question of what would become of themselves on the other side; dying men of to-day forget themselves in thinking of what is to become of their wives and children. Appeals to the individual to escape hell because of its suffering, or to make sure of heaven because of its joy, have very little effect, and the tract which asks a by no means unimportant question, "Whither are you going?" is an anachronism, but any appeal for the service of others will secure willing and sympathetic attention. A sermon on the hell beyond the grave would be heard with indifference; a sermon on the hell in the east end of cities will lay hold on every man's mind. The days of the Manchester school in religion are over, and a new sense of solidarity has sprung up. Rightly or wrongly, people do not wish to escape from the wreck if their shipmates are to perish. They want to see the whole crew saved together. Young men who will not teach in Sunday-school are ready to work in a boys' institute, and women who have wearied distributing tracts are anxious to bring more comfort to the lives of their working sisters. The sense is creeping over the community that socially and physically we stand together, and religion cannot remain a water-tight compartment of spiritual selfishness. With such a tide running like a mill race, and such a wind blowing, like a gale, upon one's face, have we not reason to expect that the message of the next revival will be social righteousness, and its effect the redemption of the national life?

And if any one should hesitate to give the name of revival to a movement of social reformation, then let him consider the work of Isaiah of Jerusalem, who declared boldly that God was weary of the multitude of sacrifices and vain oblations, and that He would not hear until the people had learned to seek judgment, to relieve the oppressed, to judge the fatherless, and to plead for the widow. And at a later date, and possibly in the days of the exile, another prophet commanded the formal Church of his day to take away from her midst the yoke, to draw out her soul to the hungry and to satisfy the afflicted soul, and promised that when she did her duty by the poor of the people she would be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water whose waters fail not. The word of Amos was strong and bitter upon them that lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs of the flock and the calves out of the midst of the stall, but who are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph. Was not the message of that great revival preacher, John the Baptist, one of social reformation, when he told the people that if any man had two coats he was to give one to him that had none, and the taxgatherer to exact no more than was due, and the soldiers to do no violence, and the Pharisees, this generation of vipers, to bring forth fruits meet for repentance? Did not Jesus, the teacher of the Divine love, begin in Nazareth with the program of a social Gospel and lay it down afresh in the Sermon on the Mount? One need not make an exasperating contrast between faith and work, or put the physical over against the spiritual, but if there be any meaning in Providence, Christ is calling His Church to the help of the common people.



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~~MR. SPEER.~~

My dear Mr. Speer:--

I am sending you a proo-slip of an extract from the remarkable address just made by Dr. Watson of Liverpool, (Ian Maclaren), in which he gives his reading of the "signs of the times" as to the "next revival." I feel you will be deeply interested in it.

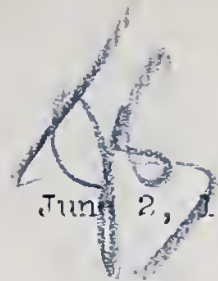
I shall print this extract in my November number, and I am collecting brief opinions from the leaders of Christian thought and effort in this country, showing how far they agree with or differ from Dr. Watson's view. Would you kindly send me your own opinion on the enclosed postal?

Sincerely yours

Henry R. Elliott

Estill, J.G.

THE HOTCHKISS SCHOOL
LAKEVILLE, CONN.



June 2, 1903

My dear Mr. Speer:

I take very great pleasure in sending you this small evidence of our very warm appreciation of your invaluable effort in our behalf, and along with it I want to send you what I know will be to you a priceless reward for that same great labor of yours.

I called two boys in for a private and confidential conference yesterday, touching a matter of some bad practice that had grown up among a few boys of the school, and asked one point blank his connection, ~~and~~ therewith: he replied like a man, "If you had asked me last week I should have lied to you, but after that talk of Mr. Speer's yesterday I could not possibly lie to you." I had a very satisfactory conference with these two boys and told them that I would like to see every boy who had been engaged in this ~~little~~ evil practice, and I might as well tell you that the evil referred to was gambling. It started in that little pennyant~~e~~ business and from that, of course, as you naturally know, it would take ^{on} little more serious proportions. We had dismissed a boy who was known to be a sort of ring-leader^y promoter of such things some days ago. Every one of these boys came and met me last night and we had a perfectly satisfactory and handsome understanding, and I feel sure that so long as they are in the school and ~~their~~ influence can compass ^{it} ~~they~~ they will never permit any such practice to grow up again. It is a fine commentary on the wholesome character and conditions here to say that so few were drawn in, and, as a matter of fact, ^{it} was kept with these few as secretly from the body of the

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school as from the masters. I simply make this statement because I think it due to the rest of the school; that is, this last remark.

I only meant to send you a word of heartfelt appreciation and gratitude, but I find that I am lengthening out into more words possibly than you have time to read.

With warmest and most cordial regards and appreciation from myself and from everybody else at Hotchkiss, in which I trust you will feel that Mrs. Speer is also included, especially on the part of those who know her, I am, as always,

Very faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. V. Cottrell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed closing.

Northwich, Wm July 17/03
Father Evans

My dear son in love Robert

I wish you knew how appreciated the pic you sent me in Dec 6th recd the 7th I hardly ever recd a note that touched my heart that did what your love for me is to me you will never know in this world.

I keep your picture as published in the Interior last fall in my bible and often look at it with a free heart. I was so sorry not to be at Northfield this year but Mother Evans did not think it best for me to go for two reasons first expense second she thought I was not equal to it. Well I admit I am not as young as I was 13 years ago when I first went to Northfield & that when I do go I get pretty well used up or seem to be after it is over; but oh I do love those precious meetings & the friends I have made there are the most valued of my whole life. Why if I had never gone to Northfield I should most likely never have known Spear, Mott, Brockman, Beaver, or Tooley, or Moody & Sankey as well as I do and others whose names I cannot recall; why I Morgan, Nelson, Meyer and that saint that supplanted Morgan the first two years whose name I cannot recall but whose memory is dear and whom God took up higher, you know whom I mean well I thank God I know of love of me all, and I cannot not forget your
subscr
Macgregor
or
or

"letter half;" I know you would say
but I doubt whether she would, other
than I love to think of you all & the
precious memories you names bring
up.

I do feel that by the grace of
God I am a better & I trust a
more useful man from having
spent a few happy days sometimes
weeks, at Northfield every year now
for 13 years with 2 probably 3 exceptions.

I hope they are not working for
Too hard this year, I saw in last
fridays I think, Herald, the very
notice I have seen of the young
woman's conf. & it was headed
Speech at Northfield.

I wished I could have been there;
but I must stop or you will
be weary.

Can you find time to write
me a few lines again soon?
I am staying ^{for a few weeks} in
Woodville, we
expect to come here in the fall
to live. Sister Martha is to be
married in Oct. to a young man
residing here & we are to be with her.
Woodville is directly across the river
Kennebec from Bath. We shall be
on the farm where we are now in a new
house just building about a mile from
the ferry.

Lots of love to you & your dear ones
from Father & I

Father Evans
Bonnie Bane

Woodville N.C. Dec 22/03

My beloved Robt.

It was a great pleasure to send you last Sat. a Male Voice Chorus book with the music of the hymns we both love so well. It was also a real joy to me to be remembered by you in connection with it. I intended to have written you a line by some means but I did not have even one little sheet of paper left me.

You will see by above we are all in our new home on the banks of the Kennebec our home is about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the river as the crow flies and from the window of my room where I am writing we get a lovely view of the Kennebec & a still more beautiful view of the back river & bay that goes to Boothbay harbor I hope some day to welcome you here & you can see for yourself what a lovely spot it is. Of course it is on a farm & around it is all fields & green woods, with here and there a pretty farm house and buildings nesting down in a clump of trees, directly south of our house is the Manor house of the farm where my dear sisters & cousins family have lived for nearly 57 years & East of the house S.E. of ours is an orchard of nearly 300 apple trees.

We expect to be very happy here the only draw backs being our lack of

religious privileges & perhaps more
to men for our temporal comfort, the state
of Mrs E's health. She has been for some
over two years a great sufferer from
Rheumatism & for first six weeks I think
she has been very near if not quite, an attack
of Rheumatism. She is decidedly better ^{than}
now and we are hoping for the best.

Of course I had heard of dear
Frumm's death and wish with you
that I could have been with you at
the funeral services.

What a beautiful
Tribute Howard gave him in last
week's S.S. Times & C.G. in the week before.
Surely a life like his is worth living.
And it is one of the joys of my heart that
I knew and loved him, and was loved and
trusted by him.

Did I ever tell you that in
1875 when Warramden wanted him for
the S.S. I that he wanted me to go with him
as his publisher? I had sense enough to see
that I might not be the right man, as well
as to see the difficulty of breaking up my busi-
ness as it was then. So I declined & said to
him "why don't you take Wattle's". He prompted
at that and we all know that whatever
might have been under "C.E." management,
that under the business management of
John D. Wattle's & the Editorial care of Henry
Clay Trumbull the S.S. Times has grown from
a third or fourth rate paper of 16000 circ - to the
fourth rank religious news paper in the world with
at least if I am not mistaken 9 times the circula-
tion it had 33 years ago.

I have many times during the

just 30 years wished I could have seen
my way clear to have been associated
with H. C. J. but I never dared to hope or
even dream that I could have been the
one if J. D. Wattle was

I think he was one of the
most remarkable for my men
in his line if not the most, I even
run an advertisement, men I know
share my opinion

I must close, with dear
love to your wife children & your
own dear self. May God bless & keep
you all in his loving care.

Yours aff
Father Evans

Enclosure for dear Emma from
my daughter

Father Thomas, 10 obsor 55 Janua. Peoria
ie. itember 18/03

My dear Robert

Presume you got your
desk, see now, and I want to thank
you for your last loving note and
to inform you that the field that your kindly
heart has led it through with ^{factor} beating

heart & pen and I must say with
feeling of genuine indignation. As
we are all easily imagine those of us
could be in our fields & workers it was
today to substitute Tongos, Loikaw
Nam, Lon Buan, Bhan Haka, Sumpu
the work of Remapatam, Camban
the nation, Ungkung, Ningsu, Kintun,
Yachun, Hanyang, Hokohama,
Tokyo, Kobe, Bang, Mantekyas,
Haiti and Clough, Brinker, Boston, Chumkit
Cushing, Soeleth, Smith, Ashmore, Adams,
Wright, Upcraft, Beaman, Roberts, Newent
so far from stations & workers, however
independent from yours can be duplicated
from us & that nothing but the indifference
of the spreading Christianity stands in the
way of the speedy evangelization of the
world with wide word.

How much a state of things can exist
I cannot imagine. How are men & women
to be in the name of Jesus, going to
work to Him when he comes?

Will you please to write me, I know
I am to answer for myself, & I have
much to answer for, but I will work to God

not indifferent to the same our souls
& that He has led me to love Missions
& triponaries. I know so many
have from Ernest very hard, oh how
I wish God had permitted me to go to
China or Africa or India, or Brazil
or that I could voyage to one of those or
Japan or ~~to~~ the Philippines which I
think now appeal to me as no other field does.

I have just been writing to C. W.
Briggs who returns there next month.
Have you met him or all members of Western
Christian? They are splendid fellows
both much like my beloved son in love
Robt E. Spier in some respects

I Enclose a clipping from the
Boston Transcript which I hope
will interest you it is a letter from
Briggs which he sent me and which
much to my surprise the Transcript
published. How sickening the
famous eulogies of Lee have been
from Protestants & Catholics alike in
fact the former have been worse than
the latter considering their origin.

Oh for a Protestantism that Protests

Are you well? If you can find
time drop a line once in a while and
believe me as ever with my best love
to Wife & babies

Your affly
Father Thomas

Also send a copy of the Am Citizen, which is most
interesting reading. J.C.R.